

# Odawa Trails



## INFLUENZA DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**Get a flu shot**  
The flu shot can prevent some strains of influenza or lessen the severity of your symptoms if you catch others.

Each year, influenza occurs in epidemics typically during the winter months. Annual vaccination is the most effective strategy for prevention of influenza. This year, there is an additional emphasis on influenza vaccination because the flu season coincides with the continued COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2018-2019 influenza season, an estimated 35.5 million people got sick with influenza. There were 16.5 million clinic visits, nearly 500,000 hospitalizations and more than 34,000 deaths in the U.S. alone.

We are strongly encouraging everyone to get vaccinated for influenza no later than October 31, 2020. Influenza vaccine prevents influenza and reduces the need for outpatient visits and hospitalizations. This is very important in the setting of COVID-19 to reduce the unknown risk of getting infected with both viruses. Of course, social distancing, the wearing of masks, frequent hand washing and other infection control measures will also reduce or prevent the spread of influenza as well.

In a large study of 92,000 COVID positive patients, those who had received the flu vaccine had a reduced risk of severe COVID-19. It also improved the recovery of these patients and reduced the risk of dying by 18%. The most likely mechanism for this finding is that the flu vaccine changes your immunity and immune cells will defend against multiple infectious agents. It is critical that we continue our efforts to reduce the risk of COVID transmission and to prevent influenza as we move into the annual flu season. I encourage all of you to schedule your influenza vaccine, continue to practice infection control, get plenty of sleep, and stay safe. Baa maa pii.

Sincerely,  
Terry J. Samuels M.D.  
Medical Director  
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
*Courtesy graphics.*

FLU	COVID-19
<b>Symptoms:</b> Begin 1-4 days after exposure	<b>Symptoms:</b> Begin 1-14 days after exposure
<b>Cause:</b> Influenza virus (there are many strains)	<b>Cause:</b> SARS-CoV-2 virus
<b>Complications:</b> Less likely to occur because of immunity built up over time	<b>Complications:</b> Severe respiratory complications may come on extremely quickly
<b>Prevention:</b> Flu shot	<b>Prevention:</b> Self isolation

## ODAWA CASINO MACKINAW CITY EXPANSION

By **Brittany Bentley**, Odawa Casino Marketing Coordinator

Odawa Casino Mackinaw City is in the midst of several exciting renovations to expand the current property by nearly 9,500 additional square feet.



Upgrades include a larger gaming floor, which will allow new machines, as well as re-spacing the current machines and opening up the gaming floor for a more pleasant experience for our valued guests. The gaming floor portion of this project is expected to be completed by the end of October 2020.

There will also be new offices in the building for members of the Odawa Casino team, additional restrooms added and a new beverage station on the gaming floor.

Another exciting addition to the property will be a large porte-cochere that is expected to be completed by the end of November 2020. This porte-cochere will cover the main entrance from the elements while also allowing an easier pick-up and drop-off. Guests will be able to drive up under this awning to make drop offs right at the main entrance, closer to the building than is currently possible. With this addition, heated sidewalks will also be added, creating safer travel for guests as they come and go from the casino.

In fall of 2020, the front side of the building will be receiving a facelift as the siding is replaced to create a more modern and updated look. Looking to the spring of 2021, irrigation and landscaping will also start as we begin to

welcome the warmer weather.

“We are excited to keep making improvements to our Mackinaw City location, and always evolve to provide our guests with an experience that is above the ordinary,” said Ron Olson, Odawa Casino General Manager.

Odawa Casino Mackinaw City opened in May 2016 as a Class II gaming facility, later becoming Class III and expanding to hold more than 200 slot machines and the Mukwa Bar & Grill.

*Courtesy graphic and courtesy photos.*



## ATTORNEY GENERAL NESSEL ANNOUNCES \$600 MILLION PRELIMINARY SETTLEMENT FOR FLINT WATER CIVIL LAWSUITS

**Editor's note:** The following is a press release from the office of Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel dated August 20, 2020.



A preliminary agreement in the Flint water-related civil lawsuits has been reached, offering a State of Michigan-backed settlement of \$600 million to parties who claim they were affected by the city of Flint's 2014 transition of its public water supply to the Flint River with the majority of the money going to settle claims filed on behalf of children. Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced today (August 20, 2020) the settlement

*“Flint Settlement” continued on page 25.*

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LTBB TRIBAL CITIZENS ENROLLED AS OF 9-21-2020 = 4,538

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242-1401

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242-1700

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242-1600

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242-1601

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242-1407

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242-1740

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242-1614

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242-1433

NO Collect Calls Accepted

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242-1521

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Tribal Planner

242-1508

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242-1640

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242-1642

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### Program

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The Communications Department welcomes submissions for our "Lines From Our Membership" section of the newsletter, but we cannot run anything political in nature or expressing an opinion due to a long-standing department policy. Because we have a newsletter and not a newspaper, we do not have an editorial page. We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for the November 2020 issue of *Odawa Trails* is October 5, 2020.

You can e-mail or call your submissions in to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) or at 231-242-1427 or 231-242-1429. Please only call in your submissions if they are short. We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas.

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# DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAMS



## COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT



What have you been doing to occupy your time during the Stay Home, Stay Safe period?

Submit your photograph and short description along with your name to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov) to be included in the Odawa Trails newsletter. Any questions, please send them to [newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:newsletter@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Susan Grech, LTBB Elder, has been doing stained glass during this COVID-19 stay at home, stay safe period. So far, she has done three pieces this year.  
*Courtesy photos.*

Boozhoo, my family and I enjoy taking care of our garden, which is actually many gardens composed of interplanted flowers and vegetables, all throughout our yard. Not much grass left to mow, but certainly an abundance of color! We cook exciting meals with the plentiful food harvest and have enough to share with curious neighbors and (socially distant) visiting friends. Best of all, the flowers welcome and feed the manidoohns (little spirit beings/insects), whose presence nourishes our hearts. We are grateful for the lessons and love provided by this beautiful living Earth. Nichole Biber, East Lansing, MI.



*Courtesy photo.*

	<p><b>SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD Red and Yellow Lights</b> (With or Without Bus Stop Signs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yellow lights are flashing:</b> Prepare to stop.</li> <li>• <b>Red lights are flashing:</b> Stop no closer than 20 feet from bus.</li> <li>• <b>Red lights turned off:</b> Proceed.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>SCHOOL BUSES WITH OVERHEAD Red Lights</b> (With or Without Bus Stop Signs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Red lights are flashing and bus is stopped:</b> Stop no closer than 20 feet from bus.</li> <li>• <b>When red lights are turned off:</b> Proceed</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>ALL SCHOOL BUSES YELLOW Lights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Yellow hazard warning light are flashing:</b> Proceed with caution.</li> </ul>	

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### CHILDREN VISITING EDs FOR MENTAL HEALTH SPIKED 60% IN A DECADE

By **Melissa Jenco**, News Content Editor

**Editor's note:** Reprinted with permission, AAP News May 2020.

Children's visits to emergency departments (EDs) for mental health disorders rose by 60% over a decade, and many are at hospitals that may not be equipped to care for pediatric patients, a new study found.

About 20% of U.S. children have a mental health disorder. Researchers analyzed 2007-2016 data from the Nationwide Emergency Department Sample databases on children ages 5-17 to look at how often these children are using EDs for care. The results were published today in "Children's Mental Health Emergency Department Visits —2007-2016," (Lo CB, et al. *Pediatrics*. May 11, 2020, <https://bit.ly/2W-bo6wb>)

The 60% increase authors found occurred while total ED visits were stable. The study showed visits for

- self-harm rose 329%,
- substance-use disorders, not including alcohol, rose 159%,
- anxiety disorders rose 117%,
- impulse disorders rose 111% and
- alcohol-related disorders fell 39%.

ED visits for mental health rose for both boys and girls and across all ages, including a 68% jump for those ages 15-17.

They also rose at urban and rural locations,



hospitals of varying sizes and among children's hospitals and non-children's hospitals.

"Our findings of increased pediatric ED visits for mental health at smaller volume EDs in rural centers are concerning given the potential decreased pediatric readiness for children with mental health problems," authors wrote.

EDs can improve preparation by using online trainings and toolkits such as the Critical Crossroads: Pediatric Mental Health in the Emergency Department from the Health Resources and Services Administration (<http://bit.ly/2Vo1czK>), according to the report. Authors also said telehealth, partnerships with other institutions and screening all behavioral health patients for suicidal ideation can help improve care.

"Integration of mental health services into the pediatric medical home will be critical to improve access to care and reduce ED visits," according to a related commentary (<https://bit.ly/3ckeMMd>). "Meanwhile, to serve the rising demand for emergency mental health services, every ED across the country must do the hard work required to be ready to provide high quality mental health care for each child who walks through its doors."

*Courtesy graphic.*

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**COVID WARRIOR STATUS**

*OLD TIMES IS NOW*

# October Elders Birthdays

**October 1**  
 Roberta Williamson  
 Daniel Boda, Jr.  
 Carmen Chippewa

**October 11**  
 Emelia Lacey  
 Joanne Schnurer  
 Melvin Thompson

**October 22**  
 Kenneth Shomin  
 Laurie Gauthier  
 Paul Nyberg  
 Mona Hugo  
 Melvin Panchot, Jr.  
 Barbara Howard

**October 2**  
 Francis Burch, Sr.  
 Mary Gillespie  
 Pamela Gibbs

**October 12**  
 Annette Asbury  
 Donna Budnick  
 Douglas Hegenbarth  
 Gary Shomin  
 Charles Kiogima

**October 23**  
 Pauline Kullik  
 Lyle Martell  
 Susan Reece  
 Anthony Shawa

**October 3**  
 Michael Harrington  
 Patricia Shawa  
 Thomas Duvernay  
 Curtis DeGraff  
 David Strate, Sr.

**October 14**  
 Maurice Sands, Jr.  
 Tony Reinhout  
 Larry Head  
 Yvonne Kott  
 Nancy Davis

**October 24**  
 Gregg Conrad  
 Kathleen Criminger  
 Kelly Gordon  
 Patricia Baker

**October 4**  
 Mary Ross  
 Janice Hollister  
 Lance Kilborn  
 Mary Ozuna  
 Shirley McCallister  
 Charles Shananaquet  
 Lawrence Nadeau  
 Allen Barber  
 Catherine Gibson

**October 15**  
 Cheryl Cutler  
 Dora Willison  
 Michael Keway  
 Dorothy Wolf  
 Joseph Potter

**October 25**  
 Daniel Gasco, Jr.

**October 5**  
 Dawn Taber  
 David Baldon, Jr.  
 Denise Crampton  
 Janet Ettawageshik  
 Matthew Crossett  
 Bonnie Grismer  
 Arlene Brilley  
 Mark Lovay

**October 16**  
 Mary Gasco  
 Clara Charvez  
 Richard Shomin  
 Cheryl Kilborn  
 Joseph Blevins  
 Kathleen Blue  
 Cassandra Chingwa  
 Susan Wilmore  
 Michael Casey

**October 26**  
 Janice Burton  
 Robin Gould  
 Colleen Himelright  
 Lucius Cabinaw  
 Dorothy Vondestinon

**October 6**  
 Virgil Sharkey  
 Dianne Daybird  
 John Henderson

**October 17**  
 Glenn Stead

**October 28**  
 Stephen Daybird  
 Roger Kamper  
 Maurice Field

**October 7**  
 Andrea Pierce  
 Delores Pierzynowski  
 Richard Lasley

**October 19**  
 Gail Fiorino  
 Marcetta Tysver  
 Yvonne Keshick  
 Frank Bernard  
 Edward Shenoskey  
 Jane Bogart-Smith

**October 29**  
 Douglas Covey  
 Frederick Harrington, Jr.  
 Mary Simmons  
 Catherine Pallitta  
 William Portman, Jr.

**October 8**  
 Leonard Crossett, Jr.  
 Marcene Bernard  
 Francis Burch, Jr.  
 Patrick Moore

**October 20**  
 William Wasageshik, Jr.  
 Sandra Bloch  
 Carol Atherton  
 Brenda Bailey

**October 30**  
 Marlene Morse  
 Violet Montez

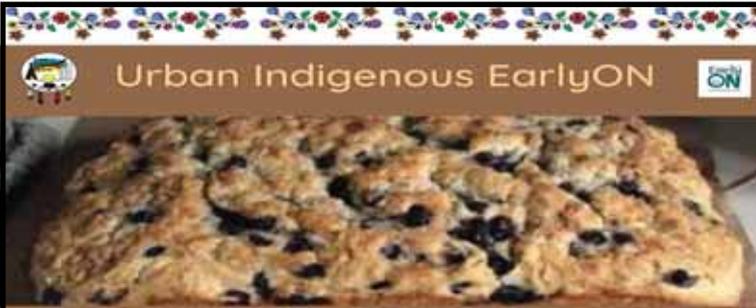
**October 9**  
 Karen Frerer

**October 31**  
 John Scott

**October 10**  
 Emelia Lacey  
 Joanne Schnurer  
 Melvin Thompson

**October 21**  
 Marvin Mulholland  
 Randy Gibson

Dolores Gregg  
 Yvonne Brown  
 Gregory Weidenfeller



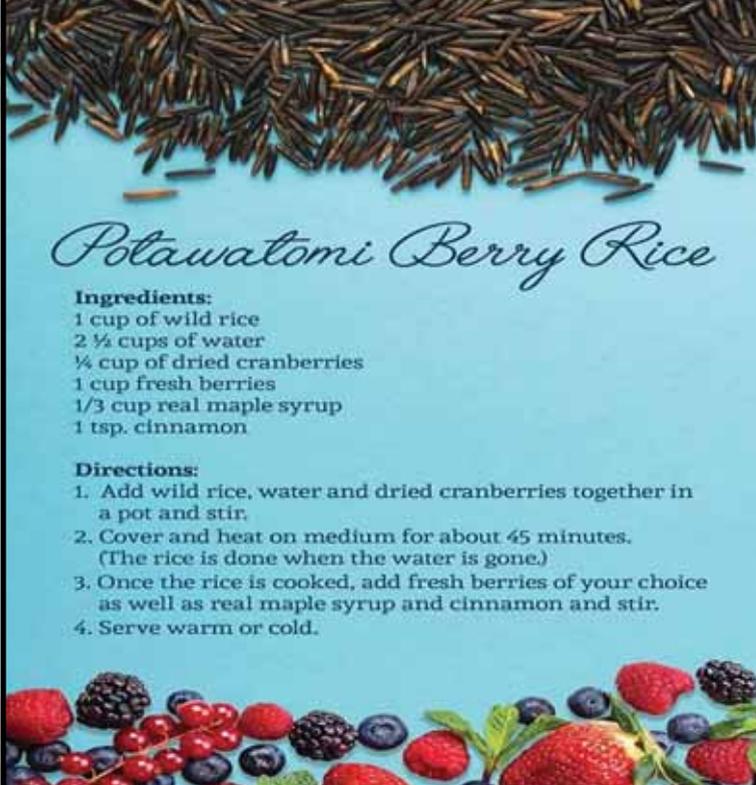
**Miin Bannock**  
 Blueberry Bannock Recipe

**Ingredients:**

- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 3 tablespoons of baking powder
- 4 tablespoons of sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 1-1.5 cups of warm water
- 1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries

**Directions:**

1. Preheat oven to 350F.
2. Grease a 8"x8" pan.
3. In a medium bowl mix all dry ingredients together. (Flour, baking powder, sugar, salt)
4. Slowly pour in warm water and mix until dough is sticky.
5. Add blueberries and mix well.
6. Pour dough into greased pan and smooth down the top.
7. Put into the oven and bake for 50-60 minutes or until golden brown.
8. Cool, cut and serve.



*Potawatomi Berry Rice*

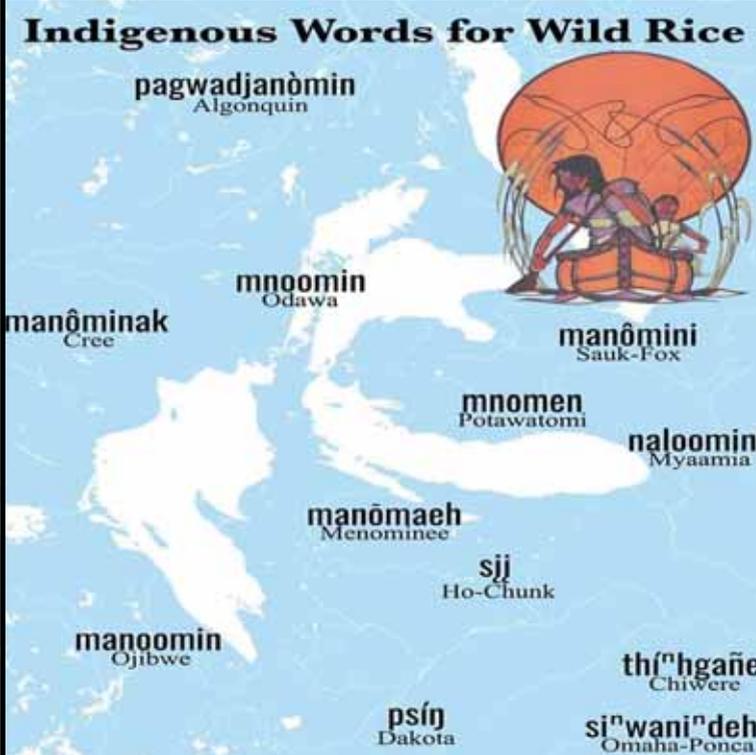
**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup of wild rice
- 2 ½ cups of water
- ¼ cup of dried cranberries
- 1 cup fresh berries
- 1/3 cup real maple syrup
- 1 tsp. cinnamon

**Directions:**

1. Add wild rice, water and dried cranberries together in a pot and stir.
2. Cover and heat on medium for about 45 minutes. (The rice is done when the water is gone.)
3. Once the rice is cooked, add fresh berries of your choice as well as real maple syrup and cinnamon and stir.
4. Serve warm or cold.

**Indigenous Words for Wild Rice**



- pagwadjanòmin (Algonquin)
- manôminak (Cree)
- mnoomin (Odawa)
- manômini (Sauk-Fox)
- mnomen (Potawatomi)
- naloomini (Myaamia)
- manômaeh (Menominee)
- sji (Ho-Chunk)
- manoomin (Ojibwe)
- thi'ngañe (Chiwere)
- psíj (Dakota)
- si'wani'dehi (Omaha-Ponca)

## OCTOBER 2020 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Open Distribution: 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am - 3pm  
 Call 231-881-2855 or 231-347-2573 for food pick-up appointments outside of our Open Distribution Week  
 828 Charlevoix Ave. Petoskey, MI 49770 Behind Fletch's Auto

Deliveries:  
 Local: 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Peshawbestown: 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Traverse City: 21<sup>st</sup>

For more information, contact Food Distribution Program Specialist Joe VanAlstine at 231-347-2573



**USE THE RIGHT ONION**

SWEET ONION	RED ONION	WHITE ONION	YELLOW ONION	SHALLOT
				
Best for frying	Best for eating raw	Crunchiest & sharpest zing	Cooking onion	Milder & more subtle
USE FOR: ONION RINGS GRATINGS ROASTED VEGETABLES	USE FOR: GUACAMOLE PICKLED ONIONS SALADS SANDWICHES	USE FOR: CHITNEYS SALSAS STIR FRYING	USE FOR: SOUPS STEWS SAUCES	USE FOR: DRESSINGS SALADS GARNISHES

# DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## ATTENTION TRIBAL BUSINESSES/ENTREPRENEURS!

If you would like to be on the tribal governmental vendor list for providing goods or services to the LTBB government, please contact Mandy Szocinski at 231-242-1439 or mszocinski@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov. Please be prepared to provide the following information: Name, contact information, good/services you are providing and any additional information as required. Supporting our tribal businesses is our preference. Chi Miigwech!

## LTBB TAX AGREEMENT AREA FOR RESIDENT TRIBAL MEMBERS

wa-nsn.gov. Miigwech. – Hayden Hooper, Department of Commerce Director.

### LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

- Cross Village (all)
- Friendship (all)
- Little Traverse (all)
- City of Petoskey (all)
- Readmond (all)
- West Traverse (all)
- City of Harbor Springs (all)
- Bear Creek (all)
- \*Resort (partial)
- \*Hayes (partial)
- \*Bay (partial)
- \*City of Charlevoix (only North of the bridge)
- \*Charlevoix Township (only North of the bridge)

## Department of Commerce Resident Tribal Member Tax Information

### LTBB Tax Agreement Area Townships

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|------------------------|---|
| Cross Village (all)    | City of Harbor Springs (all)                    |
| Friendship (all)       | Bear Creek (all)                                |
| Little Traverse (all)  | *Resort (partial)                               |
| City of Petoskey (all) | *Hayes (partial)                                |
| Readmond (all)         | *Bay (partial)                                  |
| West Traverse (all)    | *City of Charlevoix (only North of the bridge)  |
|                        | *Charlevoix Township (only North of the bridge) |

1. Sales/Use Tax (currently 6% of retail price) via Form 4013 + TCE
2. Income Tax (4.35% of Adjusted Gross Income)
3. Michigan Business Tax (currently 4.95%)
4. \*Motor Fuel Tax
5. \*Tobacco Product Tax (currently \$2 per pack of cigarettes)
6. Tax on Utilities – such as phone, cable, gas, propane, electricity, satellite and cellular service

- \* All L TBB Tribal Members are entitled to the exemption on fuel and tobacco.
- \* The Motor Fuel and Tobacco Product Tax exemption is available at Biindigen (tribal convenience store) located at 2169 U.S. 31 North in Petoskey, MI.
- \* The Motor Fuel Tax exemption is also available at the BP station on the south side of Petoskey, MI, near the Big Boy restaurant.

Please note: Exemption for tobacco and fuel is for LTBB Tribal Members' sole consumption ONLY!  
**IMPORTANT REMINDER: TRIBAL MEMBERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE THEIR TRIBAL ID SWIPE CARDS FOR PURCHASES OF NON-MEMBERS NOR ARE THEY ALLOWED TO LEND THEIR CARDS OUT TO ANYONE.**  
 The current limit on tobacco purchases is four cartons per week per tribal citizen age 18 and over. The same applies to all other tobacco products (OTP) packaged in similar fashion.

# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Attendance at Various Meetings and Events



Emily Proctor  
 Julie Shananaquet  
 Marcella Reyes  
 Tamara Kiogima  
 Melissa Pamp  
 Leroy Shomin  
 Marty VanDeCar  
 Fred Kiogima  
 Fred Harrington, Jr.

DATE	July-August 2020								
7/7/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7/9/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7/14/20	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X	X			
7/17/20	Land and Reservation Committee	X	X					X	
7/21/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7/22/20	Appropriations and Finance Committee Special Mtg	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7/23/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8/1/20	Tribal Council Town Hall	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8/11/20	Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting	X	X	X	X	X			
8/14/20	Land and Reservation Committee Meeting	X			X	X		X	
8/18/20	Tribal Council Work Session	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
8/20/20	Tribal Council Meeting	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	*additional recording of attendance may be reported on future report logs								

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR ISSUES CONCERNING **LAND CLAIMS DISTRIBUTION (TRUST FUND)**, PLEASE CONTACT **CARRIE CARLSON, CFO, AT 231-242-1442.**

## COVID-19 Resources for Indian Country - A NEW RESOURCE FOR INDIAN COUNTRY

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) announces a new website that features the latest information on legislative and administrative updates and trusted resources on COVID-19 for tribal nations.

Visit <http://www.ncai.org/COVID-19>

# LTBB

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## HEAD START

3-5 YEARS - CENTER BASED

### 2020/2021 PROGRAM YEAR

ASSISTING NEEDS INCLUDING LOCAL NATIVE AMERICAN CULTURE, NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND CENTRALLY LOCATED BUS PICK-UPS

MONDAY - THURSDAY 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM

HEAD START CAN WORK IN COORDINATION WITH THE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT TO PROVIDE SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WITH PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL AND/OR LEARNING DISABILITIES

VOLUNTEERS ARE ENCOURAGED AND APPRECIATED!

# 2021 BUDGET FORMULATION PROCESS PLANNING CALENDAR



September 29, 2020 - Branch/Department 2021 Annual Budget submissions to Treasury Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant/Federal Contract Fund Budgets

October 1, 2020 - Determination of any deletions or additions to Governmental Branch proposed budgets, and Governmental Branches Budget hearing

October 8, 2020 - Tribal Council receipt of proposed 2021 Annual Budget, and posting of proposed 2021 Annual Budget made available for Tribal Citizens

October 13, 2020 - 2021 Annual Budget Public Hearing (1 pm)

October 22, 2020 - Tribal Council approval of 2021 Annual Budget

October 23, 2020 - Final 2021 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## NITAAZHITOOJIK INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program – administered by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Niigaandwin Education Department - provides financial assistance to students pursuing training in high demand STEM-related fields offered through North Central Michigan College (NCMC) and the Industrial Arts Institute (IAI). The NIT Program collaborates with NCMC, IAI and leading manufacturers in Northern Michigan to provide streamlined, intensive learning modules which will equip students with the skills necessary to increase their employability and earning potential in the manufacturing industry.

Preference is given to indigenous students or individuals of Native American/Hawaiian or Pacific Islander descent (LTBB citizens and descendants, citizens/descendants of other federal/state recognized tribal nations and/or those who self-identify as being Native American) between 16 and 49 years old with a focus on high school students, veterans and unemployed/displaced/under-employed workers living in the project ser-

vice area.

Below are the five programs students must be enrolled in to be eligible to receive assistance through the NIT Program:

- Industrial Arts Institute**  
Comprehensive Industrial Welding Program  
Work-Based Welding Program – Rescheduled for 2021
- North Central Michigan College**  
Computer Numeric Control (CNC)  
Computer-Aided Drafting (CAD)  
Mechatronics– Coming Fall 2021

Eligible students will receive financial assistance for tuition, books, course and transportation fees, equipment and/or related training costs associated with their respective program. Eligibility information and applications can be found on the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa’s website under the Forms Directory “Education” tab. Please contact Kerstine Bennington, NIT Project Director, at 231-242-1485 or kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov with any questions.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

The Nitaazhitoojik Industrial Training (NIT) Program provides financial assistance to eligible students pursuing education in the following STEM-related programs. Assistance can include, but is not limited to, tuition, course material, transportation, and training costs.

**ELIGIBLE PROGRAMS**

- COMPUTER NUMERICAL CONTROL (CNC)
- COMPUTER - AIDED DESIGN (CAD)
- MECHATRONICS - Available Fall 2021
- WELDING

For more information, please contact the LTBB Niigaandwin Education Department.  
Phone: (231) 242-1485 Email: kbennington@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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# ELDERS DEPARTMENT

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS

### ELDERS DEPARTMENT

231-242-1423

7500 ODAWA CIRCLE  
HARBOR SPRINGS, MI 49740

**NO RECEIPTS OR UTILITY BILLS NEEDED!**

### FOOD & UTILITY APPROPRIATION ALLOWANCE APPLICATION

Please print the following information:

CURRENT YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

First	Middle	Last
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Address \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By signing above I certify this appropriation will be used towards food, cleansers, or utility expenditures.

### DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE! OFFICE USE ONLY.

	Amount
Food & Utilities Allowance 2107-2-6370-10	
<b>Total Amount of Check</b>	

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY

VENDOR #: \_\_\_\_\_

A.P. REVIEW: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTROLLER: \_\_\_\_\_

Requestor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

✓	MAIL:
	RETURN TO DEPARTMENT:
	OTHER:

### LTBB ELECTION BOARD CONTACT INFORMATION

**Office Location**  
407A Michigan St.  
Petoskey, MI

**Mailing Address**  
P.O.Box 160  
Conway, MI 49744

**Office Phone/FAX**  
231-348-8209

Carol Quinones, Chairperson  
Home 616-774-9534 Cell 616-206-6482  
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Phone: 517-862-3633  
cjosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

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517-927-3255  
jashawa@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

Alice Hughes, Board Member  
231-838-9833  
ahughes@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

### THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE NEEDS YOUR HELP!

We would like to start tracking LTBB Tribal Citizens who have completed military service or who are currently on active duty. If you are a veteran, please call us toll free at 1-866-652-5822 ext. 1521 or 1520. We will be asking you the following questions:

- (1) Name
- (2) Date of Birth
- (3) Branch of Service

This information will be used by the Grants Department.

Megwetch,  
Pauline Boulton, Enrollment Officer

# NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

## GREAT LAKES FISHERIES PROGRAM'S ANNUAL HYDROACOUSTIC SURVEY OF LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY

The Natural Resource Department's Great Lakes Fisheries Program (GLFP) was able to conduct its annual hydroacoustic survey of Little Traverse Bay in August 2020.

This survey helps the GLFP gain perspective on the predator and prey fish community within the bay and aids in determining catch and bag limits. During the week around the survey, our department sets overnight nets in random locations around the bay and collects the biodata (weight, length, etc.) from the fishes caught. That data is then used to help interpret the sonar data from the survey. The hydroacoustic survey itself occurs overnight; a transducer emits sonar waves down to a maximum of 70 meters below the surface, and the "pings" that come back indicate a fish. These pings show rough size and depth of the fish. When we combine the survey data with the biodata, we are able to see which fish were found at which depths as well as how many there were. This information helps us calculate approximate abundance of different fish species within the bay, which helps provide insight to the balance of the ecosystem.

The nets we set for this survey were set in the evening and pulled up the next morning, so we only captured activity during night hours. We were excited to see a variety of species. Predatory fish we caught included Lake Trout, Walleye, Lake Whitefish, Cisco (Lake Herring), Coho and Chinook Salmon, Yellow Perch and Smallmouth Bass. Prey fish found included Alewife, Rainbow Smelt and

Round Goby. It is encouraging to see such a diversity of species because, within an ecological community, diversity is the key to a healthy fishery.



GLFP Fish Biologist Chad LaFaver calibrating the computer which records the hydroacoustic data as we get underway. Photo by Fisheries Research Technician Serena Lake.

## INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM WORK TO PROTECT THE WOOD TURTLE

The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Program has been monitoring Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*) hatchling traps along the Upper Black River. The Wood Turtle is a species of special concern in Michigan. The hatchling traps are checked daily, and the turtles are released onsite at the river. The traps

protect the turtle hatchlings from predators such as raccoons. The majority of wood turtle eggs are consumed by predators; therefore, it is important to do whatever we can to help this culturally significant species and clan animal.

*Courtesy photos.*



## INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM ASSESSES MAPLE RIVER FOR POTENTIAL RE-INTRODUCTION

The Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Program has been evaluating the Maple River for potential Arctic Grayling re-introduction. This is part of a larger collaboration with other tribes, the State of Michigan and many others. The Maple River in Emmet County, MI, was possibly one of the last strongholds for Michigan Grayling before their eventual extinction.

*Courtesy photos.*



### EAGLE REMAINS RETENTION INFORMATION



The LTBB Natural Resource Department is pleased to announce that after years of work on the issue, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently changed its policy to allow federally recognized tribes to keep eagle remains found in Indian country. Tribal citizens who encounter eagle remains or feathers within the LTBB reservation boundaries may be able to retain them for culturally significant use. Any deceased eagle encountered must be reported to LTBB Conservation Enforcement immediately for investigation prior to moving or taking the eagle.

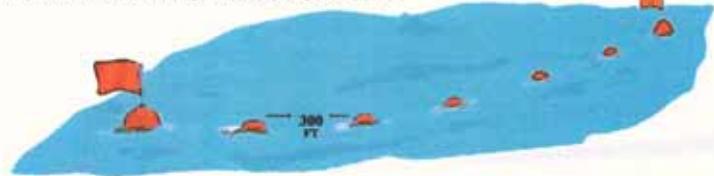
For more information, contact the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resource Department at: 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740 231-242-1670 E-mail: dbrowne@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

### ATTENTION BOATERS

AUGUST — OCTOBER

Possible Salmon Gill nets in northern Lakes Huron & Michigan

Salmon Nets must be marked on the surface at each end with a 5-foot staff buoy, 12-inch x 12-inch orange flag with fisher's number, 6-inch x 14-inch orange floats every 300 feet.



Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions. Please exercise extreme caution while boating in these areas.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority  
179 W. Three Mile Rd.  
Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.  
906-632-0043

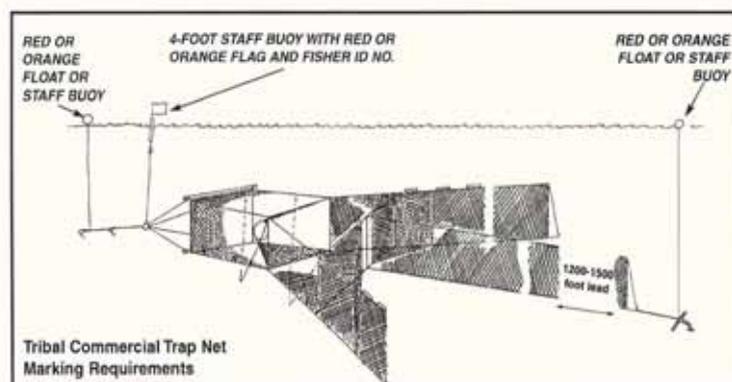
U.S. Coast Guard  
Sault Ste. Marie  
906-635-3233

MDNR RAP Hotline:  
1-800-292-7800



### NOTICE TO BOATERS

## COMMERCIAL TRAP NETS in northern Lakes Michigan & Huron



- Vessel Operators should NAVIGATE AWAY from all markers and REMAIN 1,500 FEET AWAY from any staff buoy or jug markers.
- Please EXERCISE CAUTION while boating in these areas. Visibility will be limited during low-light or bad weather conditions.
- WARNING: Tampering with these or any other legally set nets is a violation of State and Federal law.

For more information contact:	Report unmarked nets:
CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY 179 W. Three Mile, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 906-632-0043	LOCAL, STATE or TRIBAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS or Michigan DNR RAP Hotline 1-800-292-7800

# ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT

## THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE HAS A NEW MAIL DROP BOX

It is located to the left of the front doors of the LTBB Governmental Center in Harbor Springs, MI. We will have limited quantities of adult and minor address forms and COVID Emergency Living Assistance Applications stocked. **\*\*Weather Permitting\*\***

We will happily set aside an envelope with any specific form(s) you may need as well. Just give our office a call, and we will be more than happy to try to accommodate you.

All Enrollment services are available by appointment only. You may call or e-mail to work with our staff.

231-242-1521  
231-242-1522  
231-242-1520  
enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov



Tribal Citizens Fee Schedule	FEES
<b>Replacement/Expired Cards</b> A replacement card is lost, stolen, expired or has an address change. Free to Elders.	\$10
<b>Tribal Directory</b> Adults 18 and enrolled prior to 2/28/2017 Published every 4 years.	\$5
<b>Tribal Directory Labels</b> Requestor must provide labels.	\$5
<b>LTBB List</b> The list includes adult's first, middle and last names only.	\$5
<b>Photocopies of Enrollment file</b> <b>First 3 copies free, \$1 for each page thereafter.</b>	\$1 ea
<b>Marriage License Application</b> <b>Certified Copies: \$10</b> <b>Photo Copies: \$5</b>	\$15
<b>Tribal Notary Application</b> <b>Surety Bond: \$125 (Payable: Brownrigg Companies LTD)</b>	\$10

### Services

- Enrollment Applications.
- Address Change Forms.
  - Adults require notarization if mail is delivered to a post office box.
  - Minors require notarization annually.
- Tribal Directory.
- Marriage License Application.
- Tribal Notary Application.
- Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver Certification.
- BIA - 4432 Indian Preference Form.
- Eagle Feather Application and Re-Order Form.
- Certifier of LTBB Degree of Indian Blood.

Updated 11/29/2018

## Please Note:

Changeable address forms are available for LTBB Citizens at [www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms](http://www.tinyurl.com/ltbbenrollmentforms). The forms must be printed and signed by the Tribal Citizen and hard copies returned to Enrollment. We still require the form to be witnessed or notarized depending on your address.

LTBB Enrollment Office 231-242-1521

## Need to update your address?

When you move, please contact the Enrollment Office and we will send you an Address Verification Form.

Address Verification and many other Enrollment forms are also available at [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov). They can be found in the Forms Directory or on the Enrollment page of the website.

It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or custodial parent to complete an address form for any minor children.

If you are the custodial parent of a minor, please provide proof by documentation.

Upon reaching the age of 18, an Adult Address Verification form must be completed. Failure to do so may result in a delay of per capita payment.

If you are incarcerated and would like to continually receive the newsletter, you must keep your address current.

Minor verification forms must be signed and notarized.

Adult verification forms must be signed and either witnessed or notarized, depending on your address.

Contact the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521, 231-242-1520 or by e-mail [enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:enrollment@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov).

## PLEASE NOTE:

The LTBB Grants Department works with LTBB Departments to obtain external funds for ongoing and special programming, services and resources for the tribal community. Please contact the respective LTBB Department for information on programming that may be of interest to you.



## TRIBAL NOTARY INFORMATION

The Tribal Notaries listed below are eligible to perform notarial acts within Little Traverse Bay Bands Jurisdiction unless he/she violates section C. Revocation WOS#2008-05 Tribal Notary Statute

Tribal Notary Commission	Current Status	Appointment Date	Expiration Date	Serial Number	Phone Ext.
Theresa C Keshick	Active	02/18/2015	February 17, 2021	01-09	1457
Rebecca R. Fisher	Active	02/22/2015	February 21, 2021	02-09	1418
Cynthia Brouckaert	Active	06/06/2017	June 5, 2023	05-09	1462
Beverly J Wemigwase	Active	02/23/2015	February 22, 2021	10-09	1400
Julie Rose Janiskee	Active	08/24/2015	August 23, 2021	11-09	1401
Rose M Pyant	Active	04/06/2017	April 5, 2023	12-09	1563
Marin C Taylor	Active	05/15/2018	May 14, 2024	13-09	1521
Janice L. Shackelford	Active	2/17/2020	February 16, 2026	14-09	NA

# GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## BINAAKWII GIIZIS - FALLING LEAVES MOON - OCTOBER 2020

By Maryann Endanawas, Project Instructor/  
Fluent Speaker

Bemaadzijk gchibiinchgewok kina ninda niibiishan kowebimwaad minwaa pshkimdang nichigaadenoon.

Then, the people rake the leaves up and put them in bags.

Shawiigwa geyaabi boodwewok gojiing, bishigendaanaanwaa maanda nankiwaad.

People still have outdoor fires and people still enjoy the weather.

Nwaach gegoo geyaabi enankiing temigad gojiing.

There is still much to do outdoors.

Midaaswi biboon giizis ebit.  
The tenth month of the calendar year.

Mii maanda pii waamdowed shkakimikwe zhiwendmigaazod ezhiginaajwid.

This is a time when mother earth is honored with beautiful colors.

Mii maanda pii nindagodek eminwaandegin niibiishenhsan mtakmik.

It is also when the pretty colored leaves fall off and cover the ground.

## Anishinaabemdaa.com

New mobile friendly website, new design, updated code, new games, new legends and more!



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- Everyday Terms
- Culture
- Legends
- History
- Fun and Games
- Language Camp Info
- Coloring Book
- CD-ROMs Info



Hundreds of interactive words and phrases with audio!

**ANISHINAABEMOWIN ON THE CALENDAR**

April - Ziisabaakadake Giizis  
 August - Mnoomin Giizis  
 December - Mnido Giizisoonhs  
 February - Mkwaa Giizis  
 Friday - Naano-Giizhigat  
 January - Mnidoo Giizis  
 July - Miin Giizis  
 June - Waabgonii Giizis  
 March - Naabdin Giizis  
 May - Nmebine Giizis  
 Monday - Ntam-Giizhigat

November - Baashkaakodin Giizis  
 October - Bnaakwii Giizis  
 Saturday - Ngodwaaso-Giizhigat  
 September - Waabagaa Giizis  
 Sunday - Name-Giizhigat  
 Thursday - Niiwo-Giizhigat  
 Today - Nangwa  
 Tuesday - Niizho-Giizhigat  
 Wednesday - Nso-Giizhigat  
 Tomorrow - Waabang  
 Yesterday - Jiinaagwa

**Anishinaabemowin on the Calendar Word Search**

Z N S E F S M P E M M A A T Y M M N B T  
 S I D I T Z W I N H J X A K N W G E A A  
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 Z W P S I I G A P N I V O U D R I O S I  
 I O N G B Z I Z A H G M Y W T H I Q H H  
 I G P A T A I G Z B I I A O Z T N Y K Z  
 G I C Q W H A I I N A A I I H K A X A I  
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**Word Bank**

BAASHKAAKODINGIIZIS NAMEGIIZHIGAT  
 BNAAKWIIIGIIZIS NANGWA  
 JIINAAGWA NGODWAASOGIIZHIGAT  
 MIINGIIZIS NIIWOGIIZHIGAT  
 MKWAGIIZIS NIIZHOGIIZHIGAT  
 MNEBINEGIIZIS NSOGIIZHIGAT  
 MNIDOGIIZISOONHS NTAMGIIZHIGAT  
 MNIDOOGIIZIS WAABAGAAGIIZIS  
 MNOOMINGIIZIS WAABANG  
 NAABDINGIIZIS WAAGBONIIGIIZIS  
 NAANOIIZHIGAT ZIISBAAKADAKEGIIZIS



**LTBB GIJIGOWI ANISHINAABEMOWIN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES...**

Beginning Level 1 Language Free Online Zoom Class Starting Fall 2020  
 Learn the Basics for Very New Beginners  
 Tuesdays, 3 - 4:30 pm  
 To register, send your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to: [langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:langtech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)  
 Check our "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" Facebook group for announcements.  
 All are welcome to join our current Beginning Level 2 class, Thursdays, 3 - 4:30 pm, see details in "LTBB Anishinaabemowin" Facebook group.

**PHOTO-GRAPHY**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Gijigowi Language Department is looking for photos from the membership to use in their online language class. Go to [www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Lang/GijigowiAnishinaabemowin.html](http://www.ltbbodawa-nsn.gov/Lang/GijigowiAnishinaabemowin.html) for a list of photos we are in need of.

**CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

For More Information Contact Eva Oldman at [eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:eoldman@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

Message: Bibezhik Kidwin

**Bibezhik Kidwin - One Word at a Time. AUDIO ATTACHED**

LTBB Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department would like to add you to our Bibezhik Kidwin e-mail list. A word or phrase is sent each work day and includes mp3 audio, so you can hear the word sounded out. Just another little tool to learn and practice Anishinaabe Language! To be added to the list, e-mail Carla Osawamick at [cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

LTBB Anishinaabemowin

Find us on **facebook**

Dengwe-Mzinigan: Face-Book  
 Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department hosts Facebook Group called "LTBB Anishinaabemowin."

We will post materials for language learning, announcements and flyers. Materials will be accessible on the group page under the "Photos" tab or the "Files" tab. PowerPoints with audio and PDF's are downloadable.

- Search our name and "Join."
- Add your family and friends.
- Post Comments and Language Items.

For more information, contact Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Gijigowi Anishinaabemowin Language Department at 231-242-1457 or toll free 1-866-652-5822 or e-mail [LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:LangTech@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES**

Transportation is available to medical appointments only.

You must exhaust all other means available to you, i.e. Friendship Center Bus, Straits Regional Transit, Char/Em Transit, Taxi or Family.

Clients of the Little Traverse Bay Bands Health Department must notify the Community Health Department 72 hours prior to their appointments.

Transportation is based on availability.  
 Call 231-242-1601 to set up a ride as soon as possible.

**Miigwech!**

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Community Health Staff

**Ebiimoshin (modern phrase to say "e-mail me")**

Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List - One word at a time - E-mails sent of a single word or phrase with MP3 audio sound attached.

Anishinaabemowin E-mail List: In addition to the Bibezhik Kidwin e-mails, you'll also receive occasional e-mails regarding Anishinaabemowin Language such as announcements of Language or Cultural Activities, Classes, Events or General Information and News.

Send us an e-mail, and we'll add you to the "Bibezhik Kidwin E-mail List" or the "Anishinaabemowin E-mail List."  
 Carla Osawamick (McFall) at [cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:cosawamick@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

# YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT PROVIDES SAFE YOUTH PROGRAMMING, RECOGNIZED AS A MODEL PROGRAM

This summer, LTBB Youth Services provided nine weeks of modified summer programming, funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Tribal Youth Program.

With some creativity and teamwork, Youth Services summer staff distributed more than 558 Summer Fun Packs to 62 tribal youth, residing both on and off the LTBB Reservation. Weekly packet materials included 7 Grandfather Teachings, Anishinaabemowin activities, a weekly Anishinaabe Leader biography, cultural art materials and

more.

Youth Services also organized more than 75 to-go art kits for local tribal youth.

Youth Services Academic Support Center distributed more than 250 new high interest/cultural books in our Read-Around-the-Bay summer literacy program.

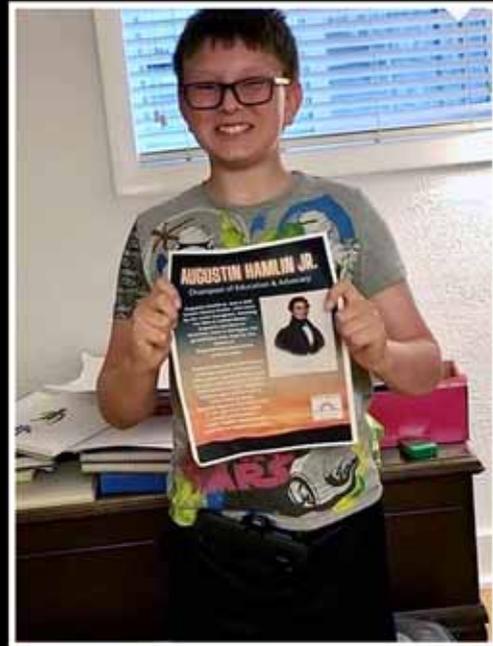
We are pleased to share that LTBB Youth Services has been acknowledged by OJJDP as a model program. We are excited to share our knowledge with other grantees around the nation. Youth Services Summer Fun Packs program

was also acknowledged as a unique program, in that we are providing outreach to Great Lakes tribal youth residing outside of our reservation (with some tribal youth residing out of state). We look forward to continued outreach, expansions and safe youth programming.

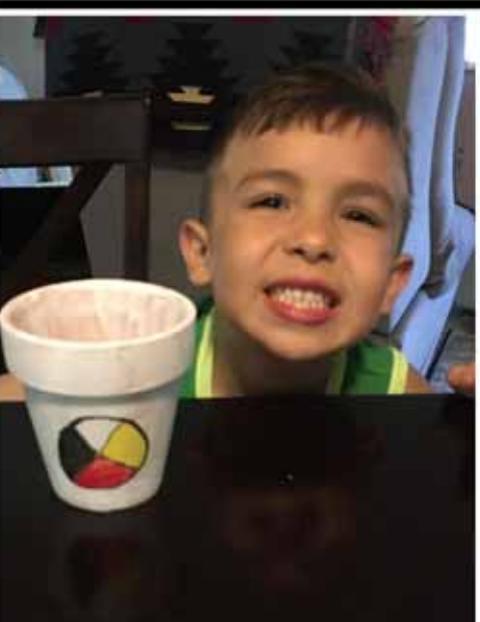
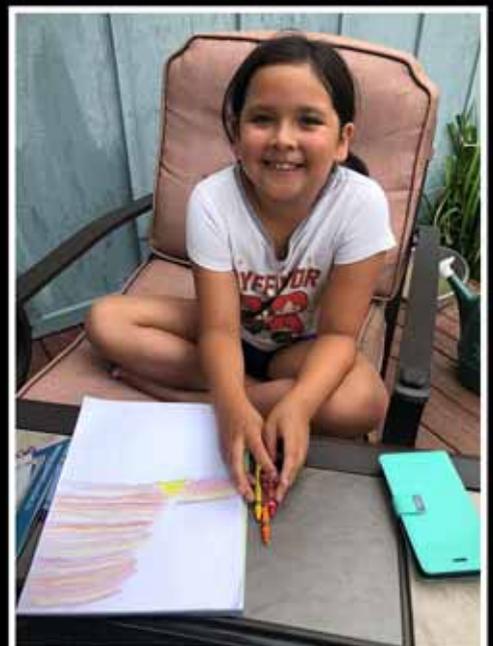
Chi-miigwech to all of our youth families for participating, and to our summer partners and staff who contributed knowledge and materials for our packets.

We hope you enjoy these awesome photos!

*Courtesy photos.*



# YS SUMMER FUN PACKS



# NATIVE NEWS

## LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS (LTBB) IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FROM TRIBAL CITIZENS FOR COVID-19 EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF CARES ACT FUNDING

To claim a dependent, they must have the same address as the applicant.  
**PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL OR FAX COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:**  
 LTBB ATTN: Human Services, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 Fax 231-242-1635 e-mail: DHSApplications@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov

**ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**  
 Questions on this application?  
 Please contact the Human Services Department DHS at 231-242-1620  
 Application required per updated Department of Treasury Guidelines.



**LTBB COVID-19 Emergency Living Assistance**  
**Deadline December 1, 2020**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Include all LTBB Citizen Minor Children living in the household attach additional pages if needed**

Name	DOB	Tribal ID #	Relationship

### Reason for Request and Showing of Need, check one or both of the boxes:

- Unanticipated losses or reduction of income from employment, business interruption or other revenue sources, in the form of reduced or shorter work hours, cut in salary or pay, furlough, reduce capacity, limited hours of operations, infected with COVID-19, quarantined or assisted an immediate family member who has been infected with COVID-19 or quarantined, stay at home orders, and unable to work due to having to take care of children that were required to stay at home from school as a result of school closures.
- Unanticipated additional expenditures including sanitizing supplies, personal protection equipment, increased food costs, increased utility costs, increased health-care or medical expenses, cost related to online education, distance learning, teleworking, funerals and other general health and welfare expenses related to the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster.

Citizens must retain records of losses or reduction of income in the form of W-2, 1099, paycheck stubs, business records or other documentation and records or receipts of expenditures included sanitizing supplies, personal protection equipment, food, utilities, health-care or medical expenses, online education, distance learning, teleworking, funerals and other general health and welfare expenses related to the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster.

**SUCH RECORDS SHOULD BE MAINTAINED UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OIG RECORD KEEPING**

### GUIDANCE

*Signing this application, for myself or as parent/guardian, I CERTIFY that I or my child/ward meet the eligibility for the COVID -19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program criteria. For auditing purposes I further agree to maintain all receipts documenting my expenditures, which I will provide to LTBB upon request. I acknowledge that any funds I use improperly are subject to recoupment.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCOUNTING USE ONLY Vendor# \_\_\_\_\_ AP Review \_\_\_\_\_  
 Controller \_\_\_\_\_ Received HS \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Honoring  
 Our Past.  
 Creating Hope  
 for the Future.**

### WE CAN HELP

Victim service providers help victims rebuild their lives. We can help you learn about your legal rights and options, cope with the impact of crime, access victim compensation, develop a safety plan, and navigate the criminal justice and social service systems.

- DIRECT SERVICES FOR VICTIMS**
- Childhelp National Child Abuse Hotline  
800-4-A-CHILD
  - Cyber Civil Rights Initiative  
844-878-2274
  - Love Is Respect  
866-331-9474, TTY 866-331-8453
  - Mothers Against Drunk Driving  
877-MADD-HELP
  - National Domestic Violence Hotline  
800-799-SAFE, TTY 800-787-3224
  - National Human Trafficking Hotline  
888-373-7888, TTY 711
  - National Runaway Safeline  
800-RUNAWAY
  - Parents of Murdered Children, Inc.  
888-818-POMIC
  - Rape, Abuse, & Incest National Network  
800-656-HOPE
  - Pathways to Safety International  
833-SAFE-833
  - StrongHearts Native Helpline  
844-7NATIVE
  - National Suicide Prevention Lifeline  
800-273-8255, TTY 800-799-4889
  - The Trevor Project  
866-488-7386
  - Veterans Crisis Line  
800-273-8255 x1, TTY 800-799-4889

- INFO & REFERRALS FOR VICTIMS**
- Battered Women's Justice Project  
Legal Helpline  
800-903-0111 x1, TTY 711
  - Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Country  
Child Abuse Hotline  
800-633-5155
  - Federal Trade Commission Identity  
Theft Hotline  
877-FTC-HELP, TTY 866-653-4261
  - National Center for Missing &  
Exploited Children  
800-THE-LOST\*
  - Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
Services Administration Helpline  
800-662-HELP, TTY 800-487-4889
  - VictimConnect Resource Center  
855-4-VICTIM

### LTBB TRIBAL DIRECTORIES

LTBB tribal directories are available for sale in the Enrollment Office. The tribal directory includes adults' names and addresses of LTBB Citizens enrolled as of February 28, 2017, excluding undeliverable addresses and LTBB Citizens requesting not to be included.

**Qualifications:**

- Must include a copy of your tribal identification card
- A \$5 money order or check payable to LTBB of Odawa Indians

Mail to: LTBB of Odawa Indians - Attn: Enrollment Office - 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
 If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Enrollment Office at 231-242-1521 or 231-242-1520.

### Are You:

- Currently not eligible for Medicaid?  
19-64 years old?
- Not eligible for Medicare?  
Not pregnant?
- Making under \$15,000 for a family of 1 or making under \$34,000 for a family of 4?

If you have answered "YES" to these questions, you may qualify for Medicaid due to the Michigan Medicaid Expansion: Healthy Michigan!! Please contact Valorie Glazier, Patient Benefits Specialist, at 231-242-1748 for assistance.



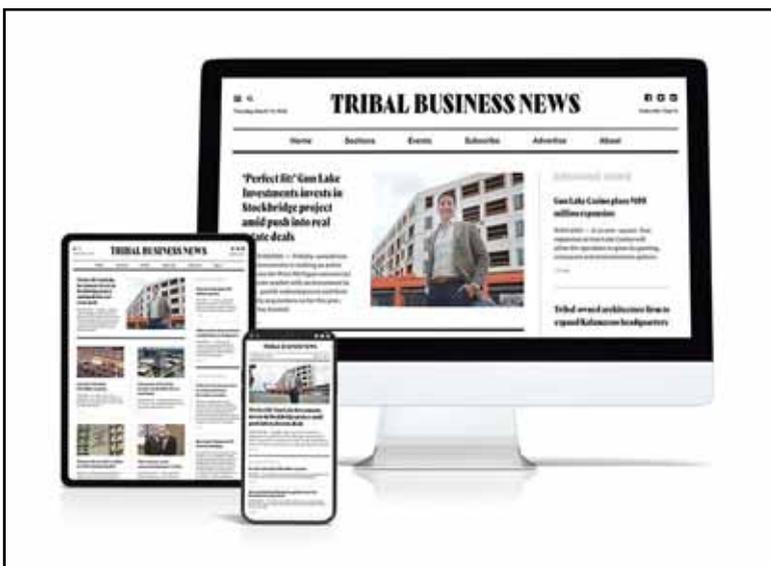
# MICHIGAN PUBLISHER TO LAUNCH TRIBAL BUSINESS NEWS ON OCTOBER 1

**Editor's note:** The following is a *Native News Online* press release dated August 24, 2020.

Michigan-based publisher Indian Country Media LLC today (August 24, 2020) announced plans for a new business publication devoted to covering tribal economic development, indigenous entrepreneurship and related government and policy issues.

The new publication — called *Tribal Business News* — will debut on October 1 with a mix of news, analysis and research for Native and non-Native subscribers. The publication's business journalism will be provided to readers via a paywall-protected website [tribalbusinessnews.com](http://tribalbusinessnews.com) as well as a daily e-newsletter and social media channels. The publisher also expects to launch a print edition, specialty publications and a business-focused podcast in 2021.

"The tribal economy is a \$130 billion economic sector that's hidden in plain sight,"



agriculture, energy, finance, federal contracting, gaming, manufacturing, real estate, technology, tourism and other industries. *Tribal Business News* will also track startups, entrepreneurship, merger and acquisition activity, business expansions, best business practices, business strategy, economic data and other information relevant to business readers, according to Rickert, who is also the Founder, Editor and Publisher of *Native News Online*, one of the most-read general news sites covering Indian country.

*Tribal Business News* will be launched in partnership with MiBiz, a 32-year-old regional publication that covers business and economic news in Western, Southwestern and Central Michigan. Three executives from the Grand Rapids, MI-based business publisher will play key roles in daily operations for *Tribal Business News*:

- Brian Edwards, Owner and Publisher of *MiBiz*, will serve as Associate Publisher of *Tribal Business News* with responsibility for business operations.

- Joe Boomgaard, a veteran Business Journalist who has covered tribal economic development for a decade and a half, will serve as the Managing Editor with responsibility for newsroom management and editorial quality.

- Richard Tupica will serve as Sales Director of *Tribal Business News* with responsibility for advertising sales, subscription revenues and marketing partnerships.

"The *MiBiz* team brings a

depth of experience in business journalism and entrepreneurial publishing endeavors," Rickert said. "I've enjoyed working with them to expand and enhance *Native News Online* in 2020 and look forward to their help in launching and growing *Tribal Business News*. They share the overall vision of changing the narrative about Indian country by providing high-quality journalism that's fair, balanced, accurate and insightful."

For more information or to register for the free e-newsletter, visit [tribalbusinessnews.com](http://tribalbusinessnews.com)

### About Indian Country Media LLC

Founded by Native American Journalist Levi Rickert in partnership with a Michigan-based business publisher, ICM's vision is to "change the narrative" about Indian country by providing fair, balanced and accurate coverage of issues and events involving American Indians and Alaska Natives. The company publishes *Native News Online*, one of the most-read publications in Indian country. In October 2020, ICM will launch *Tribal Business News*, an online publication devoted to covering the tribal economy. The individuals involved bring to ICM more than a century of experience in journalism, marketing and public relations as well as substantial experience starting and managing companies, launching publications, acquiring and divesting media assets and raising capital.

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said *Tribal Business News* Editor and Publisher Levi Rickert (Prairie Band of Potawatomi). "Most people equate tribes with casinos, but that is only a part of the picture. Over the past two decades, tribal investment in non-gaming economic development and the rise of entrepreneurship among Indigenous peoples have grown significantly, and that's also spurring economic growth and new jobs for American Indians and Alaska Natives. We intend to shine a light on this emerging economy with *Tribal Business News*."

The new publication will report on a variety of industry sectors in Indian country, including

# EAGLE BAY MARINA CEASES OPERATION

**Editor's note:** The following is a Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan press release dated September 3, 2020.

Upon advice and direction from the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribal Council and the Migizi Economic Development Company Board of Directors, operations of Eagle Bay Marina, located in Standish, MI, have ended.

The decision to stop the commercial operation of Eagle Bay and transition the property over to the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Planning Department for use in a more environmentally friendly way was made after significant consideration and debate. Discussion is currently taking place regarding the best use for the facility. The re-tasking of this business is in keeping with a long-standing tradition of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe to return land to its natural state and act in an environmentally responsible manner.

While tribal leadership looks forward to the future of the Eagle Bay Marina property, they would like to sincerely thank the loyal customers and staff



who have contributed to the unique experience provided by the marina. Many commercial marinas are large and impersonal; Eagle Bay Marina provided dedicated customer service that made even the newest customer feel like family. The staff of Eagle Bay Marina provided years of dedicated service and will be greatly missed.

Eagle Bay Marina acts as a launch point for emergency and rescue craft to the Saginaw Bay, and current plans include continued operation of the boat launch area. Please watch for further details as the department transition of the marina is completed and its future announced.

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**LTBB Behavioral Health has an open Talk-line for community members.**

**If you are feeling a need to talk with someone, please reach out to us! Take advantage of this resource before experiencing a crisis.**

**The Talk-line is open from 8 AM to 5 PM and is staffed by a LTBB Behavioral Health counselor.**

**Call 231-242-1645 to speak to a counselor.**



**DO YOU QUALIFY FOR THE LTBB U.S.D.A. FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM?**

Please call our office to see if we are able to help you!  
Call Monday - Friday  
8 am to 5 pm at 231-242-1620.  
\*food distribution varies depending on availability

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**SEEKING: FOSTER HOMES**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Department of Human Services  
is searching for foster homes!

If you, or someone you know, have the time and desire to become a foster parent for our youth, please contact the LTBB Department of Human Services at 231-242-1620

**NEED HELP PAYING FOR CHILD CARE? WE CAN HELP!**

**APPLICANT DOCUMENTS**

- TRIBAL ID
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARDS FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- 30 DAYS PROOF OF INCOME FOR ALL HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS
- SUPERVISOR SIGNED WORK/SCHOOL SCHEDULE
- PROVIDER AGREEMENT

**LICENSED PROVIDERS**

- COPY OF STATE UNEXPIRED LICENSE

**UNLICENSED PROVIDERS**

- STATE ISSUED ID
- ABILITY TO PASS ANNUAL BACKGROUND CHECKS

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Be caring

**BE HONEST**  
Gwekwabdzhiwin  
Be truthful

**The 7 Grandfather Teachings**

- LOVE
- RESPECT
- COURAGE
- HONESTY
- WISDOM
- HUMILITY
- TRUTH

**Get Involved • Support survivors**

Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians  
Call Monday through Friday 9-5, (231) 242-1620  
Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan  
24-Hour Crisis and Information Line: (231) 347-0082 or (800) 275-1995

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**AI-Anon Meetings**

LTBB Health Park, every Wednesday 7-8 pm

Use the right back door for entrance and parking.

**AI-Anon Family Groups**  
Strength and hope for friends and families of problem drinkers

There is no magic formula that enables you to help someone stop – or cut back - on his or her drinking. Alcoholism is a complex problem with many related issues. But, AI-Anon can help you learn how to cope with the challenges of someone else's drinking. Come ask questions, share or just listen.

231-675-7044 [www.miafg.org](http://www.miafg.org)

# STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE SCALES TO ADDRESS "A CRISIS WITHIN A CRISIS"



**If you or a loved one is a victim of Domestic Violence, help is available.**

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence  
1-800-799-7233

Stronghearts Native Helpline  
844-762-8483

National Domestic Violence Hotline  
1-800-799-7233

LTBB Survivor Outreach  
231-242-1628

LTBB Behavioral Health  
231-242-1640

Women's Resource Center  
231-347-0082 or  
1-800-275-1995



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StrongHearts Native Helpline — a free, anonymous and culturally appropriate helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence — has expanded its services to address the needs of a population disproportionately affected by both the COVID-19 pandemic and domestic violence. The organization has added online chat and sexual violence advocacy and is currently recruiting advocates to soon provide 24-hour services to meet demand from Native Americans along with referrals to resources such as legal advocacy, shelters and Native-centered domestic violence programs in each community as available.

and one in three Native men (43.2%) have experienced physical violence by intimate partners in their lifetime.

### Scaling Services to Answer a Surge in Demand

“The impact of COVID-19, layered on top of a lack of sufficient health care, is compounding the marginalization and victimization of Indigenous peoples,” Jump said.

“With an expanded staff and 24-hour services, we can be a lifeline to a highly vulnerable population during an exceedingly challenging time.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline offers nationwide support to a historically underserved population disproportionately affected by intimate partner violence. While the helpline currently operates daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time, there remains a need for 24-7 assistance. The new online chat advocacy gives those in need of help the option to reach out in a more discreet manner without needing to speak on the phone.

“We’re alarmed by trends in domestic violence across the country during the pandemic. It’s a crisis within a crisis,” Lori Jump, Director of StrongHearts Native Helpline, said. “Tribal communities are acutely impacted by this issue. Our organization is working to reach out to our relatives in Indian Country with advocates who understand their experience in a personal and authentic way.”

### New Studies Confirm Layered Suffering

As reported by the Radiological Society of North America earlier this month, lockdowns during the pandemic have contributed to increased rates of domestic violence across the country, and many victims are trapped for longer hours with their abusers. Indian country includes an estimated 6.79 million people from 573 federally recognized tribes, and these individuals experience domestic violence at much higher rates.

Additionally, the helpline’s launch of sexual violence advocacy addresses specific trauma experienced by victim-survivors of sexual violence. These new initiatives, paired with plans to hire additional advocates, will support the growing need for services.

The effects of the pandemic on Native Americans are stark. Another recent study cited by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found that in the 23 states studied, Native Americans were diagnosed with COVID-19 at a rate 3.5 times higher than the non-Hispanic white population.

Those interested in applying to be a StrongHearts Native Helpline advocate should visit [www.strongheartshelpline.org/careers](http://www.strongheartshelpline.org/careers) for more information. Any indigenous person in North America experiencing relationship violence or anyone who believes a Native American friend, family member or co-worker may be in an abusive relationship is encouraged to contact the StrongHearts Native Helpline by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) and visiting [StrongHeartsHelpline.org](http://StrongHeartsHelpline.org) to connect with an advocate.

According to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) more than one in two Native women (55.5%)

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**NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**  
1-800-273-TALK (8255)  
[suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org)

With help comes hope  
Help is available for you or someone you care about, 24/7

**SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES**

The LTBB Survivor Outreach Advocate administers Support Services and is located in the LTBB DHS office. Assistance is available to Native American women and children who are survivors of domestic or sexual violence as well as non-Native intimate partners and their families.

Assistance may include the following:  
Non-Emergency Transportation Assistance – Assistance with Personal Protection Orders – Problem Solving and Safety Planning – Emergency Food Vouchers – Advocacy and Referrals – Court Accompaniment – Relocation Assistance – Clothing / Toiletries

Please call LTBB Survivor Outreach Services at 231-242-1620, Monday - Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm

Support for domestic abuse or sexual assault is also available at the Women's Resource Center of Northern Michigan 24-hour crisis and information line at 231-347-0082 or for long distance callers 1-800-275-1995.

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# SECRETARY DeVOS FULLY IMPLEMENTS PRESIDENT TRUMP'S PRESIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM EXTENDING STUDENT LOAN RELIEF TO BORROWERS THROUGH END OF YEAR

**Editor's note:** The following is a U.S. Department of Education press release.



Acting on President Donald J. Trump's Presidential Memorandum signed August 8, 2020, U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos directed Federal Student Aid (FSA) to extend the student loan relief to borrowers initiated by the president and secretary in March 2020 through December 31, 2020.

of those garnishments. Non-payments by borrowers working full-time for qualifying employers will count toward the 120 payments required by the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program and as payments that are required to receive forgiveness under an income-driven repayment plan.

All borrowers with federally held student loans will have their payments automatically suspended until 2021 without penalty. In addition, the interest rate on all federally held student loans will be set to 0% through the end of the calendar year. Borrowers will continue to have the option to make payments if they so choose. Doing so will allow borrowers to pay off their loans more quickly and at a lower cost.

FSA is working in partnership with its student loan servicers to notify borrowers of this extension of loan relief measures, and this outreach effort will continue through the fall and toward an eventual return to repayment. FSA's servicers are working to make these changes, and borrowers can expect to see this extension reflected in their accounts over the next several weeks.

This extends the actions taken by Secretary DeVos at the start of the national emergency and maintained under law by the CARES Act, which allows borrowers to temporarily defer their payments without accruing interest.

The department continues to update [ed.gov/coronavirus](http://ed.gov/coronavirus) with information on COVID-19 for students, parents, educators and local leaders. For more information about COVID-19, please visit the following websites: [coronavirus.gov](http://coronavirus.gov), [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](http://cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html), and [usa.gov/coronavirus](http://usa.gov/coronavirus).

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**Michigan Indian Legal Services**

WE ARE OPEN & READY TO HELP YOU!

CALL US  
800-968-6877  
OR AT  
231-947-0122

Must meet income-eligibility requirements in order to receive free legal services.

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**SECTION 184 LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM**

Office of Native American Programs  
Office of Public & Indian Housing

- Low Monthly Payment
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REFINANCING IS BACK!!! Includes rate and term, streamline, cash out

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL THE LTBB HOUSING DEPT at 231-242-1540.

## IN OCTOBER, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS SHEDS LIGHT ON VICTIM-SURVIVORS AND CALLS FOR AN END TO VIOLENCE INFLICTED ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

By StrongHearts Native Helpline

Every October during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), advocates and communities across Indian country and the United States rally together to honor survivors of domestic violence and support abuse prevention.

In 2020, StrongHearts Native Helpline once again calls on advocates, tribal leaders, reservation and urban Indian community members, service providers and Native organizations to support the movement to prevent and end domestic violence, which disproportionately affects millions of Natives every year.

Violence against indigenous peoples began with European contact and has continued to this day, adding up to more than 500 years of abuse. Domestic violence, which continues as a tool of colonization, represents a lack of respect for Native peoples.

Native women and men in the United States experience domestic violence at alarming rates with more than four in five Natives having experienced some form of violence in their lifetime and more than half experiencing physical violence by an intimate partner in the past year.

Domestic violence has many faces: Physical, sexual, emotional, cultural, financial and digital. It doesn't discriminate and includes violence against children, elders and LGBTQ2S individuals. There is also a strong connection between domestic violence and thousands of Missing and Murdered Indigenous women.

Native nations in the Lower 48 and Alaska Native villages continually go underfunded for life saving domestic violence services. Now in its fourth year of operation, StrongHearts has received more than 9,103 phone calls and online chats requesting critically-needed support to deal with intimate partner violence. Of the phone calls, 5,010 were received in 2019 — a 396.04% increase from 2018.



This year during the COVID-19 pandemic, conversations focused on domestic violence have attracted international media and public attention. Alarming increases in domestic violence have been documented worldwide due to victims and their abusers being trapped in close quarters while sheltering in place during quarantines. In August, in an effort to help Natives affected by all forms of violence during this uncertain and dangerous time, StrongHearts added sexual violence advocacy to its existing domestic and dating violence outreach services.

"We must continue to heighten public awareness of the issues of violence in Indian Country," says StrongHearts Native Helpline Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "StrongHearts Native Helpline urges all individuals not only during October, but throughout the year to believe survivors, speak out and take action against abuse, and to share supportive resources with their loved ones and communities in a concentrated effort to put an end to domestic violence forever."

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a safe, anonymous and confidential domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline that offers culturally-appropriate support and advocacy for American Indians and Alaska Natives. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic, dating or sexual violence or if you have questions about your behavior, help is available. For one-on-one advocacy, click on the Chat Now icon at <https://www.strongheartshelpline.org/> or call 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483). Advocates are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

*Courtesy graphic.*

## NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS' 77TH ANNUAL CONVENTION & MARKETPLACE TO BE HELD VIRTUAL

After much consideration by the National Congress of American Indians' Executive Board and Regional Vice Presidents, and after analyzing the outlook and state of Oregon's reopening plans in light of the coronavirus pandemic, we have decided the most prudent path forward is to conduct the 77th Annual Convention & Marketplace, scheduled to be held November 8-13, 2020 in Portland, OR, in a full virtual environment.

While we are disappointed that we are unable to visit with our brothers and sisters in Oregon during this time, we are optimistic and excited to bring to you one of our most important convenings in a safe yet innovative way.

In moving towards a full virtual event, NCAI intends for this upcoming convention to feature a robust agenda, which will produce the results that NCAI's membership expects from such events. Our Congress will meet in full, and the convention



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American  
Indians

schedule will allow for plenty of time for tribal leaders to identify and discuss important policy priorities to be advanced in the coming year and beyond. The virtual platform will also feature our annual marketplace, and special events, highlighting the traditions and customs of the tribal nations that call the Northwest home.

As always, we thank you for your support and understanding of this decision.

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## NCAI LAUNCHES NATIONAL DATABASE TO TRACK AND ENGAGE K-12 SCHOOLS WITH NATIVE "THEMED" MASCOTS

During the past year, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) developed a comprehensive national database tracking more than two dozen different Native "themed" school mascots at nearly 2,000 schools (K-12 level) across the country, updating it daily through real-time Google alert notifications and direct, ongoing engagement with many of the schools featured in the database. The database features comprehensive information for each school, from online news stories to school mascot logos to detailed contact information for

school principals, superintendents and school board members. The database enables NCAI staff to identify, track, engage and educate those schools that are having active conversations about whether and how to change their mascots about: (1) the many documented harms that such mascots cause Native people, in particular Native youth; and (2) NCAI's long-standing formal opposition (as a national governing body of tribal nations) to the continued use of these mascots.



### WELL AND SEPTIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We can provide you with a new well and/or septic system for your new construction OR if your current well and/or septic system is deficient, we can help.

Please call the LTBB Housing Department at 231-242-1540 to find out more about how you can get a free well and septic system or replace your current system.

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HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Telephone: 231-242-1540  
Fax: 231-242-1550



## NEW RENTALS

LTBB Housing is pleased to announce it will soon be offering two market rate rental units in the Harbor Springs, MI, area. We are now accepting applications for these units. We plan to have both units available for move in by Spring of 2020.



Home #1 - Located in the city limits of Harbor Springs  
Large 3 bedroom, 2 bath home with full basement.  
Attached 2 car garage. 12-month lease required.  
Monthly rent set at \$1,000 - Utilities are NOT included



Home #2 - Located at the Wah Wahs Noo Da Ke Village off of Heynig Rd  
3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Covered entry porch.  
Quiet, family friendly community. 12-month lease required.  
Monthly rent set at \$800 - Utilities are NOT included

FOR APPLICATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT  
LTBB HOUSING AT 231-242-1540

## HOUSING DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Services are available to citizens residing within the 27 county service area. An application packet must be completed and returned to the Housing Dept. for processing to determine qualification. To obtain an application, please contact the Housing Dept. at 231-242-1540.

**STR - Short Term Rental Assistance:** This program offers up to \$1,500 for new tenants who need assistance with the first month's rent and/or security deposit. This can be used ONE TIME ONLY and the rent requested must be affordable and can NOT exceed 35% of the household gross monthly income. Please note the application packet must be received and approved in advance of your moving into the rental in order to qualify for this program.

**HIP - Home Improvement Program:** This program offers up to \$2,500 for non-cosmetic home repairs and may be utilized once every five years.

**DPA - Down Payment Assistance:** This program offers up to \$2,500 or 10% of your mortgage (whichever is less) and can be used to purchase or refinance a home. In order for you to receive any grant dollars, you must be able to match the grant amount with your own guaranteed funds.

**FPA - Foreclosure Prevention Program:** This program offers up to \$3,000 to assist in foreclosure prevention.

**Well & Septic Assistance Program:** Funded by the Indian Health Services located in Sault Ste. Marie, MI this program provides the resources and technical assistance associated with the installation of a new well and sanitation service or replacement of deficient existing well/septic.

**Credit Counseling:** We provide confidential advice and referrals to assist tribal citizens in regaining their financial stability and credibility.

**Tribal Rental Housing Program:** The LTBB Housing Department offers 29 rental units in the Northern Michigan area. These units are available to rent to Tribal Citizens and most rents are based on a family's monthly income. Any Tribal Citizen interested in renting a unit from the LTBB Housing Department should contact our offices for an application. Currently, there is a waiting list for available units.



LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
HOUSING DEPARTMENT  
7500 Odawa Circle  
Harbor Springs, MI 49740  
Tele: 231-242-1540 Fax: 231-242-1550  
TTY: 7-1-1



## Apartments for Rent

Now accepting applications

- Must belong to Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians
- Must be 55 or older or disabled of any age
- Rents are based on income
- Accept very low, low and moderate income applicants
- All units are 2 bedroom and 1 bath
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- Located in a quiet country setting, but only 4 miles from Harbor Springs, MI
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- LTBB Housing office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

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# RED FAWN FALLIS RELEASED AFTER 57 MONTHS

By Dalton Walker, *Indian Country Today*

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An Oglala Lakota woman serving federal prison time in relation to the Dakota Access Pipeline resistance at Standing Rock was released on September 9 after serving 57 months in prison.

"I appreciate (*Indian Country Today's*) interest in her case as she is the most severely sentenced water protector from the DAPL protest at Standing Rock while the real criminals continue to pump oil through the pipeline in violation of the 1851 and 1868 Ft. Laramie Treaties and U.S. environmental laws," said Glenn Morris, her uncle, in an e-mail. "She deserves to be honored as a heroic woman defender of the water, the land and the people."

Fallis now heads to a re-entry program, Morris said. The program is designed to assist incarcerated individuals with a transition to their community after release.

Fallis pleaded guilty in January 2018 to civil disorder and illegal possession of a gun by a convicted felon. She was accused of firing a handgun three times while resisting arrest during pro-



tests in North Dakota against the oil pipeline in October 2016, according to the *Associated Press*.

She was sentenced to four years and nine months in federal prison. Fallis was 39 at the time of the sentencing. She had been incarcerated since October 26, 2016 and received credit for time served when sentenced in 2018.

Fallis had been held at the Federal Correctional Institution in Dublin, CA.

Fallis' arrest was one of 761 that authorities made in southern North Dakota during the height of protests in 2016 and 2017. At times, thousands of pipeline opponents gathered in the region to protest the \$3.8 billion project to move North Dakota oil to Illinois, but the effort didn't stop the project.

Four other Standing Rock

water protectors faced federal charges and have served prison time or continue to serve time, according to the Water Protector Legal Collective.

A Facebook page dedicated to Fallis called Free RedFawn has 30,000 likes and periodically shares updates of Fallis.

The controversial pipeline remains a hot topic. Earlier this summer, a federal judge ordered the pipeline to shut down and remove all oil within 30 days. Nearly a month later, a federal appeals court reversed the judge's order pending a full environmental review.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit sided with pipeline owner Energy Transfer to keep the oil flowing, saying a lower-court judge "did not make the findings necessary for injunctive relief."

But the appellate court declined to grant Energy Transfer's motion to block the review, saying the company had "failed to make a strong showing of likely success."

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The *Associated Press* contributed to this report.

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# NAVAJO MAN, ONLY NATIVE ON DEATH ROW, EXECUTED

By Michael Tarm and Felicia Fonseca, *Associated Press*

**Editor's note:** The following article and photograph appeared on *Indian Country Today* on August 26, 2020, and they are reprinted here with permission.

The only Native American on federal death row was put to death Wednesday (August 26, 2020), despite objections from many Navajo leaders who had urged President Donald Trump to halt the execution on the grounds it would violate tribal culture and sovereignty.

With the execution of Lezmond Mitchell, 38, for the grisly slayings of a 9-year-old and her grandmother, the federal government under the pro-death penalty president has now carried out more executions in 2020 than it had in the previous 56 years combined.

Asked by a prison official if he had any last words for victims' family members and other witnesses behind glass at the death chamber, Mitchell casually responded, "No, I'm good."

Moments later, prison officials began the lethal injection of pentobarbital inside the small, pale-green death chamber at the federal prison in Terre Haute, IN. He was declared dead at 6:29 p.m. EDT.

Mitchell and an accomplice were convicted of killing Tiffany Lee and 63-year-old Alyce Slim after the grandmother offered them a lift as they hitchhiked on the Navajo Nation in 2001. They stabbed Slim 33 times, slit Tiffany's throat and stoned her to death. They later mutilated both bodies.

A bid by tribal leaders to persuade Trump to commute Mitchell's sentence to life in prison failed as did last-minute appeals by his lawyers for a stay. The first three federal executions in 17 years went ahead in July after similar legal maneuvers failed. Keith Nelson, who was also convicted of killing a child, was slated to die Friday (August 28, 2020).

"Nearly 19 years after Lezmond Mitchell brutally ended the lives of two people, destroying the lives of many others, justice finally has been served," Justice Department Spokesperson Kerri Kupec said in a statement.

Critics accuse Trump of pushing to resume executions after a nearly 20-year hiatus in a quest to claim the mantle of law-and-order candidate.



*This undated family photo provided by Auska Mitchell shows Lezmond Mitchell, who was executed on August 26, 2020, at the federal prison complex in Terre Haute, IN, for the 2001 killing of Alyce Slim and her granddaughter. (Courtesy Auska Mitchell via AP)*

Mitchell's execution occurred during the GOP's convention week.

"Today, the federal government added another chapter to its long history of injustices against Native American people," his lawyers, Jonathan Aminoff and Celeste Bacchi, said in a statement. "Over the steadfast objection of the Navajo Nation, and despite urgent pleas for clemency from Navajo leaders and many other Native American tribes, organizations and citizens, the Trump administration executed Lezmond Mitchell, a Navajo man, for a crime against other Navajo people committed on Navajo land."

They called the execution a "gross insult" to the sovereignty of the Navajo Nation.

"Mr. Mitchell's execution came after the Supreme Court refused to allow him to interview his jurors – 11 white people and a single Navajo – about whether racial bias influenced their decision," the attorneys said.

The Federal Death Penalty Act allows tribes to decide whether to subject their citizens to capital punishment for a set of major crimes involving Native Americans on Native land. Nearly all, including the Navajo Nation, have said no. The Justice Department charged Mitchell with carjacking resulting in death, which fell outside that provision of the law.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez offered prayers Wednesday (August 26, 2020) to both the "Executed" continued on page 16.

### Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians

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victims’ and Mitchell’s family. He blasted the federal government for ignoring the tribe’s decision not to accept the death penalty. “We don’t expect federal officials to understand our strongly held traditions of clan relationship, keeping harmony in our communities, and holding life sacred,” he said in a statement. “What we do expect, no, what we demand, is respect for our People, for our Tribal Nation, and we will not be pushed aside any longer.”

Carl Slater was among Navajo leaders hopeful Mitchell’s sentence would be reduced to life in prison. Navajo culture teaches that all life is sacred.

“I’m incredibly fearful for all the relationships between Indian Country and the U.S. government, that this will set the precedent that any voice our governments give to our people and our collective citizens will be disregarded, ignored,” Slater said after Mitchell died. “And, ultimately, the federal government will do whatever it pleases to Indian peoples.”

Keith Nelson, who was also convicted of killing a child, is slated to die Friday (August 28, 2020) at the Terre Haute prison, where all federal executions are carried out by lethal injection. Nelson’s lawyers say pentobarbital can cause severe pain and so should be deemed unconstitutional.

Death-penalty advocates say the Trump administration’s restart of executions is bringing justice — too long delayed — to victims and families. There are currently 58 men and one woman on federal death row, many of whose executions have been pending for more than 20 years.

Donel Lee, Tiffany Lee’s older brother, thanked Trump for not stopping the execution and criticized the opposition by the Navajo Nation President.

“He will have to answer to God why he wanted this murderer to live,” Donel Lee said. “But now, I’m at peace with it, and justice is served. Now, he (Mitchell) has to answer to God, and I hope my little sister was standing there with God while he judged him.”

Tiffany Lee’s father, Daniel Lee, has told *The Associated Press*, he believes in the principle of “an eye for an eye” and wanted Mitchell to die for the slayings. He also said Navajo leaders don’t speak for him: “I speak for myself and for my daughter.”

Family and friends described Slim, a school bus driver who was approaching retirement, as gracious, spiritual and well-liked by students on her route.

Michael Slim, the grandson and cousin of the victims, has sat on both sides of the courtroom during Mitchell’s court cases. An outlier in his family, he supported putting Mitchell to death, but gradually changed his mind over the years and said that should be left up to God.

“We are all guilty of sin, so it’s not fair for us to condemn someone,” he said. “It’s not my job to say, ‘we should kill him.’”

But, lawyers recently wrote a letter on behalf of other relatives — including Tiffany’s mom and Alyce Slim’s daughter, Marlene — saying they want-

ed the sentence carried out. They argued Mitchell showed no “respect for ... Navajo cultural teachings that stress the sanctity of life.”

Marlene Slim favored life in prison at the time of sentencing.

Mitchell has long maintained that his accomplice, Johnny Orsinger, took the lead in the killings. Orsinger was a juvenile then and couldn’t be sentenced to death. He’s serving a life sentence in Atlanta.

Mitchell, through his attorneys, said he wanted to participate in a traditional way of resolving disputes known as peacemaking that’s meant to restore harmony and balance. But, he was not allowed to contact victims’ families under court order and didn’t respond to Michael Slim’s letter, Bacchi said.

Auska Mitchell, Mitchell’s uncle on his maternal side, said he had been praying and burning cedar earlier Wednesday (August 26, 2020) and was heartbroken to hear his nephew died.

“I hope he gets the peace in death that he didn’t get in life,” he said. “It can’t be peaceful being on death row and probably solitary all the time. That’s no life to live.”

Among several anti-death penalty protesters at an intersection across the street from the prison was Sister Barbara Battista, who was wearing face mask with block letters on the front that read, “Abolish the death penalty.”

“It’s another sad day for America,” said Battista, who served as a spiritual adviser to Nelson as he awaited execution.

She said Nelson and Mitchell were friends, having been on death row together for nearly two decades. She spoke to Nelson in recent days and he said he, Mitchell and other death row inmates with execution dates didn’t hold out much hope their lives would be spared.

“They are all pretty resigned,” she said.

Mark Charles, the only Native candidate for U.S. President, weighed in on Mitchell’s execution on Twitter.

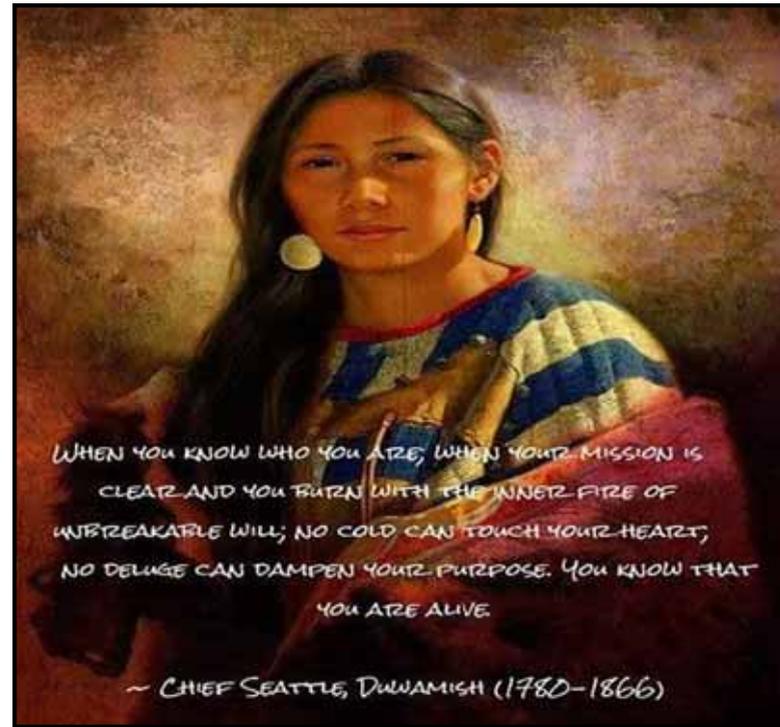
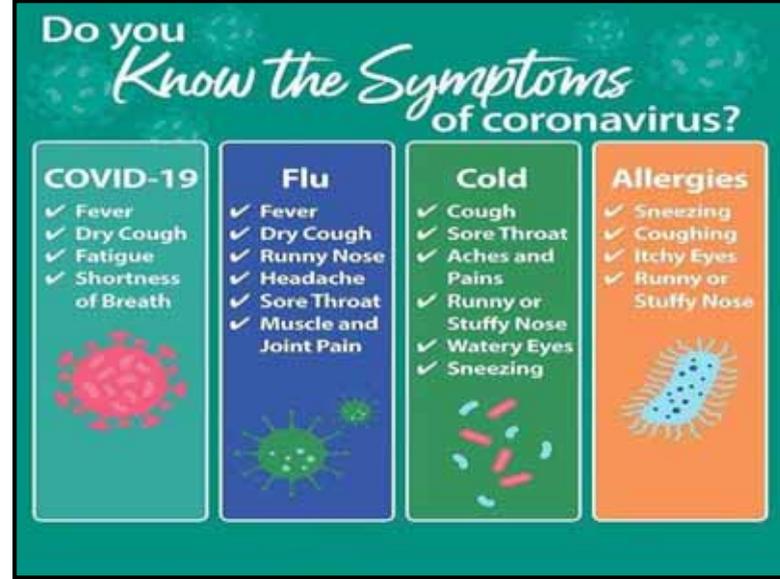
“I lament that breaking treaties with Native nations and disregarding tribal sovereignty is a bipartisan value that is upheld and protected by the United States Supreme Court,” the independent candidate and Diné citizen wrote.

Prior to this year, the federal government had carried out just three executions since 1963, all of them between 2001 and 2003, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Death Penalty Information Center. Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was among them.

The first of the resumed executions was of former white supremacist Daniel Lewis Lee on July 14. Two others, Wesley Purkey and Dustin Honken, were executed later the same week. The victims of all three also included children.

The executions of Christopher Andre Vialva and William Emmett LeCroy are scheduled for late September.

*Indian Country Today* contributed to this report.



## THE ERGONOMICS OF WORKING REMOTELY: POSITION IN LIFE IS EVERYTHING

By Barbara Roberts

**Editor’s note:** The following article appeared on an MSU Extension blog and is reprinted here with permission.

A supervisor during my occupational therapy internship in spinal cord rehab taught me with only a little tongue-in-cheek, that “Position in life is everything...”; that is, the physical position you are in to do any task affects your safety, comfort, endurance and effectiveness for the task. Earlier in life, when learning to use a hammer effectively, instead of whacking the nail at some odd angle, my father taught me to “Get your ‘backside’ behind you.” Good advice when positioning to exert force. Position matters.

### Position Matters

As a licensed occupational therapist in the field of higher education, I have long appreciated the ergonomics of sitting in classes, studying, working, writing, dictating or standing



to teach, dictate, write exams, etc. Whether on a computer or manually taking notes, meeting or writing, the position we are in affects our health and function. We injure ourselves with improper positioning and bad body mechanics when we lift, push or carry. We exhaust ourselves straining neck and shoulders to see a poorly positioned monitor, and we give ourselves carpal tunnel and repetitive straining injuries by misplacing our keyboard or mouse. I once realized I had developed plantar fasciitis from

the way I constantly positioned my foot while sitting in a chair that was two inches too high to sit flat-footed. Changed my position, foot got better. (OK, some PT helped as well! But it was the repositioning that prevented a recurrence).

With all this online work we’re doing, sitting in new, less-than-perfect workspaces, for prolonged periods as one meeting after another unfolds on our screens, I thought it could be helpful to talk about how to

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make this a healthier, more safe and comfortable experience as we work in this brave new world of doing everything remotely.

Ergonomic positioning starts with one measurement - the length of your lower leg. The length of your lower leg determines how high your chair should be off the floor to allow you to sit with your feet and knees at a 90 degree angle. From there, maintaining a 90 degree angle for hips and elbows will identify where to put your chair, arm rests, your keyboard and desk surface. If your chair and table don't align, put a footrest under your feet to raise them to the proper height

to get a 90 degree angle at ankles, knees, hips and elbows.

Seated in that position, with your back straight and your head in "neutral" (no chin jutting forward or tucked in), place the center of your monitor arm's length from your eyes, with your eyes looking slightly downward. Use a thick book to raise it or reposition yourself lower to align. Get yourself into this position, and you are ready to put your mouse in easy reach on a flat surface where you can use the largest joint to move it - not just cocking your wrist at an angle, but using also your elbow or shoulder to move it around, too.

There's more to it, but that's

a start for today! Various musculoskeletal conditions require variations and adaptations - more or less lumbar support, seat angles, rocking seats or standing desks, etc. but that's a topic for individual consideration. With frequent breaks to stand, walk and stretch, better positioning will lead to more comfortable, safe and effective work online.

For more information, you can also contact Health4U's TJ Hall at halltim2@msu.edu and check out some illustrations of the basics here <http://ergonomictrends.com/creating-perfect-ergonomic-workspace-ultimate-guide/>

*Courtesy graphic.*

## INFECTION RATES AT LEAST 3.5 TIMES HIGHER FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

### - YOUNG ESPECIALLY AT RISK

By Jourdan Bennett-Begaye

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention found American Indians and Alaska Natives have a COVID-19 infection rate 3.5 times higher than white people, and younger Native people are more affected. The agency released the study earlier this week in the *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

Sarah Hatcher of the CDC COVID-19 Response Team and other researchers analyzed 9,000 laboratory-confirmed cases from 23 states between January 22 and July 3.

American Indians and Alaska Natives are disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 in these select states overall, Hatcher said.

"I just want to emphasize that this disparity is not because of some biological or genetic difference," Hatcher said. "It's likely driven by health disparities, and social and economic inequities."

Epidemiologist Dean Seneca read the report and disagreed.

He said the report "doesn't say much" and disputed the findings. "It's much higher because they're severely undercounted," he said.

*Indian Country Today's* data shows more than 20,000 positive cases, and the Indian Health Service counts more than 38,000. Seneca estimated Native people are probably six times more likely to be infected with COVID-19. Dean worked for the CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support for more than 18 years and is a citizen of the Seneca Nation. He's been on the frontlines of many epidemics like polio, h1n1 and Ebola. He is the Executive Director of Scientific Solutions Plus.

The CDC's Hatcher said, "It's important to note that our analysis is really not generalizable beyond those 23 states overall. And we're not really able to speculate whether we expect the overall rate to be higher or lower if we included more states."

The research also revealed American Indians and Alaska Natives under 18 years old who tested positive for SARS-Co-V-2, the virus that causes the novel coronavirus disease, were younger than whites. Looking at elders and comparing them to whites, a smaller percentage of American Indians and Alaska Natives 65 years or older had the COVID-19 infection.

Seneca says this data "shows we are not wearing masks or because of our housing, we cannot practice safe social distancing."

The Tohono O'odham in southern Arizona reported data on August 12. The 20 to 44 age group led the number of positive tests in the community, 204 out of 456 or 45%. In second, were those ages 20 and under at 20%. Those 65 and older were 11% of the 456.

In Oklahoma, the Cherokee Nation's data shows the 18-35 age group having the most cases, 32% out of 1,171 positive cases as of August 20. Those 17 and under are 12.8% of the total cases and those 65 and older are 12.9% of the positive cases.

However, as with many studies, there are flaws. Seneca pointed out this study has limited data. It looks at approximately 9,000 cases from only 23 states: Alabama, Alaska, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Ken-



tucky, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

It doesn't include Arizona, he said. That state is one of the hotspots in Indian country.

Researchers excluded Arizona, "which accounts for at least one third of all COVID-19 cases" among American Indians and Alaska Natives across the country, because more than 30% of its race and ethnicity data was missing.

Dr. Jose Montero, Director of the CDC's Office for State, Tribal, Local and Territorial Support, knows missing data is a "burning issue" and the agencies have talked about it on "several occasions."

"CDC aggregates the data that is collected on the state, local level or by a commission. They don't always ask those questions, and the data is incomplete," he said. "We are working with many different organizations and have been working for quite some time to improve the quality of that data."

Tribes in Arizona and near the Phoenix metropolitan area are getting hit hard by this pandemic, according to *Indian Country Today's* data and the tribes' data.

There are 22 tribal nations in Arizona. Collectively, the cases for these tribes are in the thousands.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has a total of 465 positive tests and 18 deaths as of August 21. In the Gila River Indian Community, cases continue to climb as of August 20. The tribe has a total of 1,894 cases, of which 774 are Gila River citizens, and 19 deaths in total. The White Mountain Apache Tribe has had 2,364 positive cases and 39 deaths as of August 21. The Pascua Yaqui Tribe reported 1,189 cases and 26 from the Tuscon and Guadalupe areas on August 18 and August 20. For the Tohono O'odham Nation, the tribe reported 456 cases total among its tribal members and 20 deaths. The tribe's health care lists 535 positive tests as of August 12. Lastly, the Navajo Nation, its lands span across parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah, reported 9,531 cases and 489 deaths as of August 21. Three of the eight service units for the Navajo Nation are in New Mexico, a state included in the study.

The study also excluded other states where outbreaks occurred and are occurring like South Dakota, North Dakota, Washington state and Oklahoma. These states had incomplete data, too.

"In order to do the analysis, we had to exclude states that did not have race and ethnicity data that was not at least 70% complete," Hatcher said.

The CDC also says it has provided more than \$200 million in COVID-19 funding to tribal nations.

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# MICHIGAN TRIBES RECEIVE NEARLY \$3.6 MILLION TO SUPPORT CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY EFFORTS

**Editor's note:** The following is an U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) press release.



The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) today (August 31, 2020) awarded \$17.8 million to tribes across the nation as part of HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat program, which provides funding to help address problems that pose an imminent threat to public health or safety of tribal residents. This funding will specifically be used to help tribes prevent, prepare for and respond to COVID-19. This is the fifth tranche in addition to the first \$15 million announced July 2nd of \$100 million that will be going to tribes. Funding included a \$900,000 grant to the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians in Peshawbestown, MI, to purchase and install power

generators in several buildings that will be used to treat individuals impacted by COVID-19.

"The Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians (GTB) is grateful for the funding support to assist our tribal nation during this COVID-19 pandemic medical emergency," said Chairman David M. Arroyo. "The GTB ICDBG-CARES Project will provide emergency power generators to tribal community centers in Benzie and Charlevoix counties, the Strongheart Civic Center in Peshawbestown, and a generator upgrade to the GTB

Medicine Lodge building, and GTB will reuse and relocate the Medicine Lodge's smaller existing generator to the GTB Fire Station. GTB will also replace HVAC air filters in those buildings to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The addition of the backup generators at Benzie, Charlevoix, Strongheart Civic Center and the Medicine Lodge will enable them to be designated as Red Cross Shelters with generator support. In total, five tribal buildings will receive needed back-up power to assist vulnerable populations for families and homeless persons in the preparation, prevention and response to the COVID-19 pandemic." The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community in Baraga, MI, and the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians in Dowagiac, MI, also received \$900,000 grants and the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians in Manistee, MI, received a \$898,560 grant.

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# GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCES \$1.2 MILLION IKEA DONATION TO COVID-19 RELIEF FUND - IKEA'S DONATION MARKS THE LARGEST DONATION TO THE FUND SO FAR

**Editor's note:** The following press release is from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer.

Today (August 25, 2020), Governor Whitmer welcomed a \$1.2 million donation from IKEA Retail U.S. that will go to Michigan's COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiative. The donation is the largest donation to the fund to date and will help support Michigan's ongoing COVID-19 relief efforts and other critical services.

"Michigan families, frontline workers and small businesses have done their part to slow the spread of the virus, but the fight is not over yet. I am grateful that IKEA has stepped up during this difficult time to ensure we have the funding we need to provide critical services to Michiganders impacted by COVID-19," said Governor Whitmer. "This donation will be crucial to saving lives and providing much-needed support throughout our COVID-19 response."

IKEA has continued to follow Governor Whitmer's orders to protect the health and safety of both employees and customers. After Governor Whitmer signed her Stay Home Stay Safe to protect Michiganders, IKEA closed its retail location to align with the governor's order and protect its staff and customers from the virus. Now, IKEA is giving back to ensure the state has the funding to provide essential services and goods to those who need it most.

"We are appreciative of the ongoing support from the state of Michigan, including the unemployment funds paid to our co-workers who were furloughed in the early weeks of the pandemic," said Javier Quiñones, IKEA Retail U.S. President.

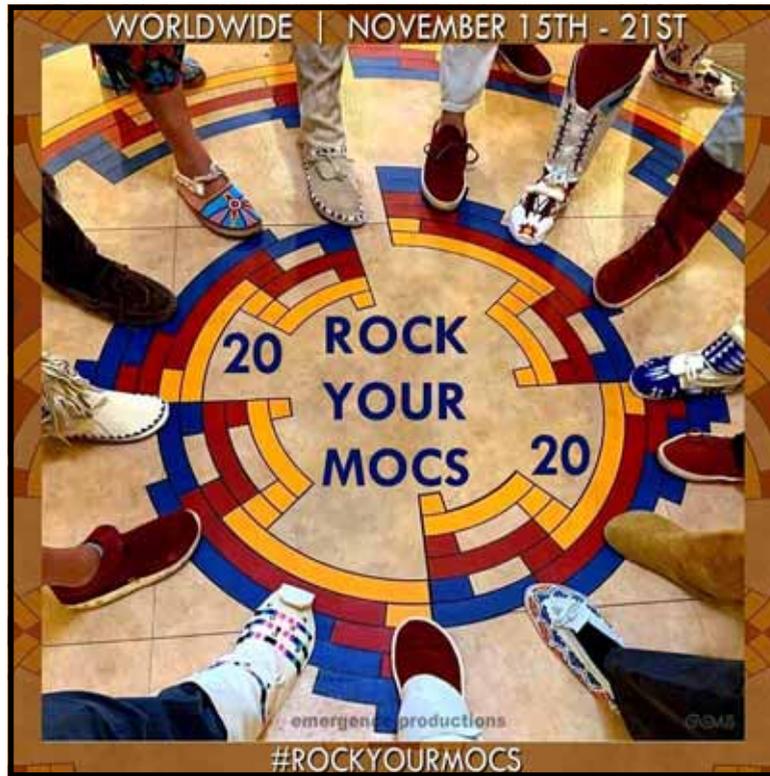


"People are the heart of our business, and the state unemployment benefits helped IKEA US co-workers during a difficult time. We now have a better understanding of the impact of COVID-19 on our business, and we've decided to 'pay it forward' to support the ongoing COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiative in our local communities."

The Michigan COVID-19 Response and Recovery Initiative helps leverage federal resources, including FEMA funds that require a match to provide critical services and needs to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Donations are allocated to provide food and water, education support for children, personal protective equipment and other essential activities as needs are identified.

During the past five months, businesses have continued to step up to fight the virus. This month, the Ford Motor Company partnered with the state to donate 1.5 million masks that will go directly to low-income schools, the City of Detroit, Federally Qualified Health Centers, some COVID-19 testing sites and to many of the organizations. Additionally, CVS, Rite Aid and Walgreen's all partnered with the state to expand Michigan's testing capacity which helped to flatten the curve and control the spread of COVID-19.

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POP CULTURE ARTISTS TEAM WITH EDUCATORS FOR NATIVE LESSONS

By Sandra Hale Schulman, Special to Indian Country Today

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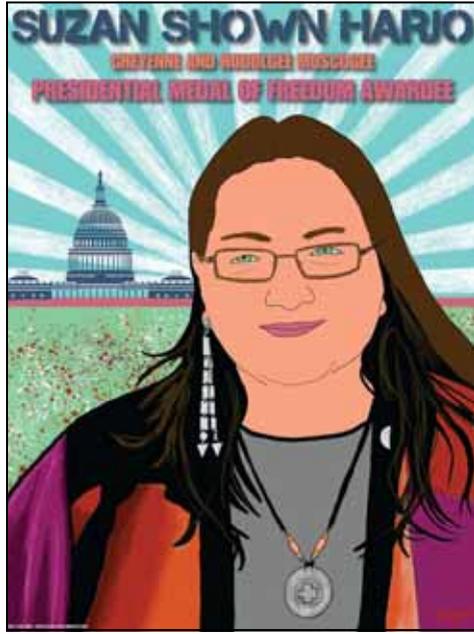
With classroom education in disarray due to pandemic shutdowns, IllumiNative, a non-profit founded by Crystal Echo Hawk of Echo Hawk Consulting, and a group of respected Native artists, including Bunky Echo-Hawk, Gregg Deal and Jared Yazzie have teamed up to provide art lesson plans for schools featuring influential Native personalities.

The plans create opportunities to showcase accurate and positive representations of Native peoples by illuminating contemporary Native art, voices, stories, issues and ideas in popular culture.

The initiative finds them partnering with the National Indian Education Association and Amplifier, a group that draws from an impressive pool of artists to create digital education tools, lesson plans and resources about Native contemporary life.

The plans will reach more than 1 million students and families learning at home. Resources are available for free and are downloadable from their website at <https://illuminatives.org/nefa/>

The new lesson plan and artwork series for educators features six contemporary Native changemakers and their political, artistic, literary and athletic contributions to this country.



He also illustrates Joy Harjo, the United States' first Native American U.S. Poet Laureate, with her signature long earrings and bright red lips. Joy Harjo is in her second term as the official poet for the country.

"The posters were such a cool idea, and I'm glad I got to be a part of the project," Bunky Echo-Hawk says by e-mail from Oklahoma. "I'm not sure exactly how they selected the people they wanted to highlight, but I know they wanted to spotlight people who are contemporary leaders in Indian Country."

Echo-Hawk points to the lack of representation of modern Natives in school settings.

"Too often, the textbooks fall short in including our accomplishments after 1900, and teachers have a hard time connecting our current issues with the past without adequate texts or supplies," he said, noting the poster project will be an "invaluable visual aid."

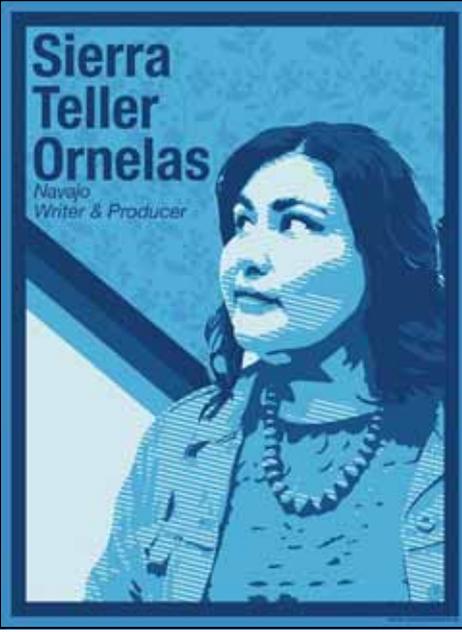
As for the individuals he was assigned to draw, he says he was elated to illustrate Suzan Shown Harjo, Haaland and Joy Harjo, who have been "incredible influences in my life and personal heroes."

"I am proud that a generation of students will be able to peer over to walls throughout each day and see these phe-

nominal indigenous leaders looking back at them," he said.

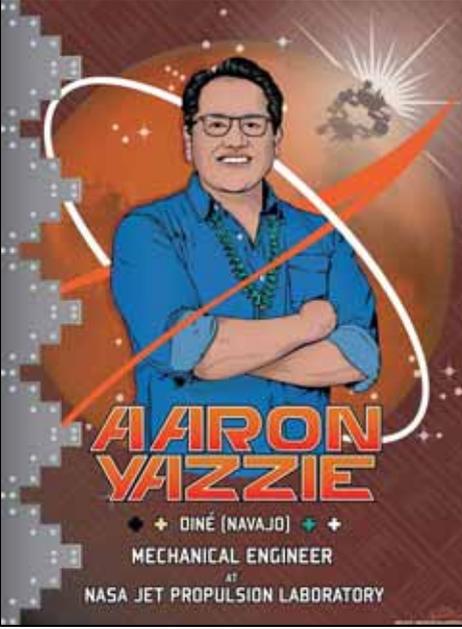
Gregg Deal, Pyramid Lake Paiute, is an artist and activist whose work deals with indigenous identity and pop culture, touching on issues of race relations, historical consideration and stereotypes.

For the lesson plans, he illustrated Sierra Teller Ornelas, a Navajo writer and producer, looking upward in a sea of blue



florals and stripes.

Jared Yazzie, Diné artist and fashion designer, contributes a vibrant poster that combines traditional Navajo patterns with space-age symbols in his portrait of Aaron

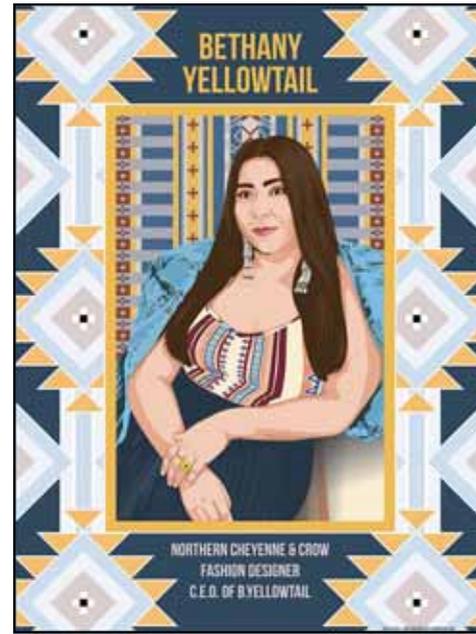


Yazzie, Diné, a NASA Jet engineer.

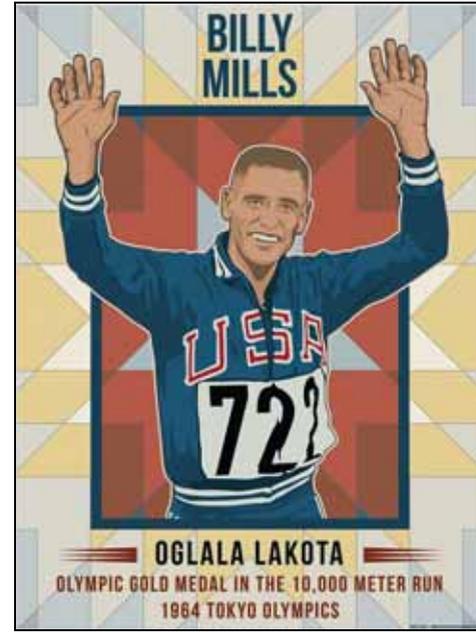
Northern Cheyenne and Crow Fashion Designer Bethany Yellowtail's portrait incorporates her tribal patterns and femininity, her long earrings reaching past her collarbone as a jean jacket is slung around her shoulders.

Recent reports illuminate the scale of the stereotyping problem and provide a path forward. According to Reclaiming Native Truth, a public opinion research strategy, 72% of Americans polled support significant changes to K-12 curriculum, and 78% of Americans want to know more about Native peoples.

It also found the majority of K-12



teachers and parents are aware that curriculum about contemporary Native peoples is both lacking and inadequate. They support changes to improve teachings and standards across schools to improve the quality of education for all students, both Native and non-Native.



Some states are taking steps to address the learning barriers.

Oregon, for example, recently passed legislation – which includes funding – to develop statewide and tribally specific curriculum and training. In addition, both Washington state (in 2015) and Montana (in 1999) have mandates that all students in the state learn accurate and authentic Native American content across grade levels.

Change happens slowly, but the arts are a fast and easy way to get the message across.

Learn more about contemporary Native leaders with these lesson plans at <https://illuminatives.org/nefa/>

Sandra Hale Schulman, Cherokee, has been writing about Native issues since 1994. She is an author of four books, has contributed to shows at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian and has produced three films on Native musicians.

Courtesy graphics.

HUNTINGTON AND GOVERNOR WHITMER ANNOUNCE HUNTINGTON'S \$5 BILLION COMMITMENT TO HELP BOOST ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY THROUGHOUT MICHIGAN

Bank's Community Plan focuses on small-business support, social equity, economic inclusion and affordable housing

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Huntington Bancshares Inc. (Nasdaq: HBAN; [www.huntington.com](http://www.huntington.com)) and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced a \$5 billion, five-year lending, investment and philanthropic commitment to help improve financial opportunities for Michigan businesses, consumers and com-



munities. Part of a \$20 billion Community Plan Huntington announced September 1, the Michigan plan was developed in cooperation with the governor and Michigan community organizations to ensure the bank's commitment reflects the needs of all people and businesses throughout the state.

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"In this critical time when businesses are confronting the extreme challenge of a public-health crisis, recession and issues related to social equity, Huntington's purpose of looking out for people calls us to do more for Michigan's small businesses, consumers and communities," said Sandy Pierce, Huntington's Director of Private Banking, Insurance Agency, Vehicle Finance and Regional Banking. "We believe this commitment is a very meaningful investment in Michigan's economic future."

In the next several months, the bank will announce specific initiatives to support small businesses, consumers and communities. The plan will evolve as Huntington continues to listen and take action to meet the changing needs of Michigan's communities.

"This is great news for Michigan's small-business owners who have faced unprecedented challenges as we have navigated the COVID-19 pandemic over the past six months," said Governor Whitmer. "These are Michiganders who have spent their lives building their businesses and who need our help now more than ever. I am proud to work with Huntington Bank as they continue to provide support to our small-business owners and build strong communities in our state, and I'm committed to continue working on behalf of small-business owners as we fight back against COVID-19."

"Michigan's rural small businesses and urban micro businesses have been especially hard hit as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and its effect on Michigan's economy, and minority- and women-owned businesses throughout the state are seeking opportunities to stabilize and thrive," Pierce said. "Our commitment to Michigan's small businesses reflects the role they play in driving the state's economy and the foundation they provide for our economic health."

Huntington's 2020 Community Plan reflects increased investments in the following areas:

**Access to Capital:** Huntington is investing in small businesses with a special emphasis on those owned by minorities, women and veterans. The bank's commitment to helping businesses will be bolstered by additional investments in business-planning and educational programs to help bring

business owners the relief, recovery and growth they are seeking as the cornerstones of the American economy.

**Affordable Housing and Home Ownership:** Huntington is expanding lending programs and educational services to support increased home ownership by minority and low- to moderate-income borrowers throughout the Midwest. The bank's commitment will enable greater opportunities for first-time home buyers, improve housing security for financially distressed consumers and create generational wealth building through home ownership. It will also enable home rehabilitation and the refinancing of existing homes to unlock the cash-flow needs of borrowers.

**Community Lending & Investment:** Huntington recognizes the barriers to banking that exist for some people and businesses, and the bank is investing toward Michigan's community efforts related to affordable housing, food security, workforce development and social equity. Huntington believes these areas are fundamental to helping people not only find basic economic security, but also prosper. Huntington also knows that by making communities stronger, it creates additional opportunities for those who live and work there.

Huntington will work with community organizations across the state to implement its Michigan Community Plan.

**About Huntington**

Huntington Bancshares Incorporated is a regional bank holding company headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, with \$118 billion of assets and a network of 839 full-service branches, including 12 Private Client Group offices and 1,344 ATMs across seven Midwestern states. Founded in 1866, The Huntington National Bank and its affiliates provide consumer, small business, commercial, treasury management, wealth management, brokerage, trust and insurance services. Huntington also provides vehicle finance, equipment finance, national settlement and capital market services that extend beyond its core states. Visit [huntington.com](http://huntington.com) for more information.

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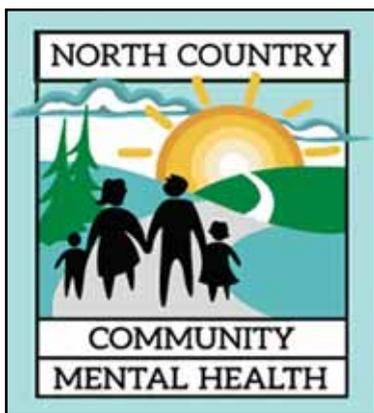
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**Coping with Challenges of Life During COVID-19**

COVID-19 has impacted all aspects of our day-to-day living. Families are grieving the loss of loved ones, facing financial insecurity, fearing for their loved ones and trying to adapt to disruptions in their normal routines and supports. Chronic stress like this can affect our health. It can disrupt sleep and eating habits and worsen chronic physical and mental health conditions. Across the nation, anxiety and depression are on the rise. Our community is not exempt from this, and we know many are facing challenges.

**Helping Children Cope with Changes Resulting from COVID-19**

Teaching children positive preventive measures, talking with them about their fears and giving them a sense of some control over their risk of infection can help reduce anxiety. This is also a tremendous opportunity to model problem-solving, flexibility and compassion as we all work through adjusting daily schedules, balancing work and other activities, getting creative about how we spend time, processing new information from authorities and connecting and



supporting friends and family members in new ways. These TIPS (<https://bit.ly/30QS6Qp>) may help.

**Managing Stress**

Anxiety is one of the most common mental health challenges, and there are many ways that people can address anxiety and manage stress.

Here are a few: Practice deep breathing, spend time in nature, exercise, laugh, meditate, listen to music, call an old friend, massage your temples, stretch, take a break from social media and the news, take a walk and stay in the present.

**Tools and Resources**

Mental Health Guide - <https://bit.ly/2Ce9hBG> (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention)

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**North Country Community Mental Health Resources**

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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## The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting July 23, 2020 VIA Zoom

Call to Order: 9:01 a.m.  
Closed Session: none  
Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor  
Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Chief of Law Enforcement Jeff Cobe, Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson, Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon, Chief Financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Judicial Officials and Staff: Senior Court Clerk Cynthia Brouckaert

Public: John Kawegoma, Mary LaFord, Denise Steffel, Carla Osawamick, Kevin Willis, Doug Emery, Rachael Koopp, Melissa Shomin, Joe VanAlstine, Mary Roberts, Valorie Glazier, Gwen Teuthorn, Marvin Mulholland, Matt Davis, Mel Kiogima

Invited Guest: Harmony Fierke-Gmazel, Extension Educator, Land Use and Civic Engagement, Bernadece Boda U.S. Census Partnership Specialist for Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim Counties.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to Adopt the Agenda of July 23, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Jo Ann Holm, Marie Alice Michaels, Dawn Lynn Smith.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to approve the Minutes of July 9, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for Operator's License Application Fees under Michigan Lawful Internet Gaming Act and Lawful Sports Betting Act.

Roll call-Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes  
Motion carried.

**Executive Oversight Report** - Discussion Items: Request from Petoskey School for Meeting to discuss Mascot, Hemp production and oversight issues, Storm damage, update on power outages. State COVID Unemployment benefits discontinued.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge the written and verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit 1 Director Phil Harmon, and Unit 2 Director Daugherty Johnston on July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Census update - Bernadece Boda U.S. Census

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge Census update as presented by Bernadece Boda Partnership Specialist for Charlevoix, Emmet and Antrim Counties.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Next Townhall August 1, 2020 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Will have Census Update.

### Legislative Officer Reports:

#### Legislative Leader Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept Legislative Leader Proctor's written and verbal report for July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

#### Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive:

Tribal Resolution 070920-01 Authorizing Loan from PNC Bank, National Association, and related Documents, Authorizing Tribal Appropriations for Payments of the Loan, Adopting Law Governing the Arbitration of Disputes related to the Loan, Adopting Law Regarding Security Interests and Addressing Related Matters and authorize Tribal Chair and Treasurer to sign the loan documents-Executive signed 07/10/20.

Tribal Resolution 070920-02 Authorizing Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity and the Right to Exclude and Addressing Other Matters Required to Obtain and Maintain an Internet Gaming Operator's License from the Michigan Gaming Control Board. Executive signed 07/10/20.

Vetoes: none

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: none

FYI: Disclosure: Telephone conversation with the following parties re: COVID Relief payments: Chairwoman Regina Gasco-Bentley, Honorable Allie Maldonado, Legislative Leader Proctor, Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

#### Treasurer Report

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Regular Meeting: July 14, 2020 (Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting):

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the Legislative Auditor Selection Policy.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-01 Request for Funding from Michigan State Police Michigan Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) FY 2020

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt TRIBAL RESOLUTION to Authorize the Maamwi Council to Carryover Unused Funds Raised Through Fund-raising Events or Donations.

Vote: 3-yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to schedule a special AFC meeting, Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:00pm with the following agenda items: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's second quarterly report; third quarter budget; profit and loss reports and reporting; Annual operating plan; Financial performance measures; Audits; and Financial records and statements.

Vote: 3-yes, 0 -no, 0-abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriations of the Coronavirus

Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") in the amount of \$3,519,051.41 pending revision.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend Tribal Council to approve application for the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program, form, pending a legal opinion.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program Policy pending legal opinion.

Vote: 3-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Last Special Meeting July 22, 2020 agenda included: Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation's 2nd Quarterly Report, 3rd Quarter Budget, Profit and Loss Reports and Reporting Annual Operating Plan, Financial Performance Measures, Records and Statements, Audits

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee:

07/20/20 Reason for Phone Poll: to rec-

## Tribal Council Meeting Dates

October 6 Work Session  
October 8 Council Meeting  
October 20 Work Session  
October 22 Council Meeting

November 3 Work Session  
November 5 Council Meeting  
November 17 Work Session  
November 19 Council Meeting

All Tribal Council meetings and work sessions are held in the Tribal Council Chambers located at  
7500 Odawa Circle,  
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### Legislative

#### Tribal Council Members

Emily Proctor, Legislative Leader  
Julie Shananaquet, Secretary  
Marcella Reyes, Treasurer  
Tamara Kiogima, Councilor  
Leroy Shomin, Councilor  
Melissa Pamp, Councilor  
Marty Van De Car, Councilor  
Fred Kiogima, Councilor  
Frederick Harrington, Jr., Councilor

ommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-02 Reallocation of United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs One-Time Welfare Assistance CARES Act Funds to One-Time Aid to Tribal Government CARES Act Funds. Vote-3-yes Motion carried.

07/20/20 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-03 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal Health Supplement FY 2020-2023. Vote 3-yes Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: August 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair and Secretary Julie Shananaquet for July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

Land and Reservation Committee  
Last Meeting: July 17, 2020-Discussion of new Health Park plan, Land Acquisition-Collaborative Design/Land Use-Planning by Consensus discussion

with Harmony Fierke-Gmazel, Extension Educator, Land Use and Civic Engagement. No action item motions were made at the meeting.

Next Meeting: August 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Committee Chair for July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

#### Tribal Council Member Reports:

**Councilor Fred Kiogima** - discussion/clarification on the total utilization and expenditures of hazardous duty pay, that the Tribe as a whole has incurred thus far during the ongoing pandemic.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to accept Councilor Fred Kiogima's verbal report.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

9:35 a.m. Break

10:45 a.m. Resume

**Councilor Marty Van De Car** - Update on Medicaid Waiver/Reimbursements in conjunction with Mary Roberts-Elders Dept. Director.

**Motion** made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Councilor Marty Van De Car's verbal report.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

#### Legislative Staff Reports:

**Office of Finance and Revenue Report:**  
**Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope**

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:  
Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Traditional Tribal Burial Board, Inc.

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corp

Odawa Construction

Gaming Authority

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal and written report as presented on July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Tribal Historic Preservation Office**-no report

**Legislative Services Attorney**

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report as presented on July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

11:45 a.m. Public Comment Opens  
John Kawagema - Gaming Revenue per capita revenue distribution, Elder Department program issues, COVID Relief payments.

Tamela Okuly Shananaquet - Elder services need, such as home health care. Will now be able to work with Tribal departments to assist with Elder care.

**12:02 p.m. Public Comment Closes**  
**General Counsel**

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report as presented on July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**12:13 p.m. Break**

**12:26 p.m. Resume**  
Legislative Office Manager

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount's verbal and written report as presented on July 23, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Action Items:**

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Legislative Auditor Selection Policy as recommended by the Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to appoint Melissa Shomin to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company for a 3-yr term expiring in July 2023.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain (Councilor Leroy Shomin), 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Brent Bennington for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and set up an interview.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Mark Shall for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation and set up an interview.

Vote: 7-yes, 1-no (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.), 1-abstain (Treasurer Marcella Reyes), 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to appoint Kevin Hessellink to the position of Tribal Prosecutor to fill the remainder of a 3-year term ending June 2021.

Vote: 7-yes, 2-no, (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Leroy Shomin) 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-01 Request for Funding from Michigan State Police Michigan Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) FY 2020

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-02 Reallocation of United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs One-Time Welfare Assistance CARES Act Funds to One-Time Aid to Tribal Government CARES Act Funds.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 072320-03 Request for Funding as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan Health Resources and Services Administration Maternal Health Supplement FY 2020-2023.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to approve the COVID-19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program Policy.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc., amended 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Budget Report.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to cancel the Tribal Council August 4, 2020 work session and August 6, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to adopt Tribal Resolution to Authorize the Maamwi Council to Carryover Unused Funds Raised Through Fundraising Events or Donations.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes

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Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriations of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) in the amount of \$3,519,051.41.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes  
Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adopt Tribal Resolution Appropriation of Funds for Operator’s License Application Fees under Michigan Lawful Internet Gaming Act and Lawful Sports Betting Act.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes  
Motion carried.

1:40 p.m. Public Comment Opens

John Kawagema Thanked everyone for all effort put in. Victories Square. Suggest coverage when licensing becomes an issue

**1:46 p.m. Public Comment Closes**

**1:46 p.m.** Motion made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 0-absent  
Motion carried.

**Next Scheduled Meeting August 20, 2020.**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary  
Date

Jannan Cornstalk, Cheryl Kilborn, Heather Syrette, Kara Smith, Marvin Mulholland, Maanii Tall Cloud, Doug Boda, Marie Schuyler, Bill Meshkey

Invited Guest: Gaming Regulatory Director Vince Cook; Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olsen, Director of Finance Roger Borton; Michigan State University-Extension Dr. James DeDecker

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to adopt the agenda for August 20, 2020 as amended.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to dedicate this meeting in honor of the following Tribal Citizens who have walked on: Donald D. Denemy, Erlene M. Futrel, Susan K. Goddard, John Paul Portman, William P. Shananaquet Jr., Dawn L. Smith, and Mark L. Smith.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of July 23, 2020 as presented.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Introduction of new Tribal Government Employees:**

Education Department: WOCTEP Student Advisor Michael Mondoskin; Elders Outreach Coordinator Holly LaCombe;

Tribal Prosecutor Kevin Hesselink.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation-Monthly Report

Reviewed monthly report

**Motion** to acknowledge Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation’s updates as presented by Ex-Officio Rob Ellerman and Administrative Assistant Shanna Kishigo on August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort’s Confidential 2020 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report**

Reviewed 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Report including financials

**Motion** to acknowledge receipt of Odawa Casino Resort’s 2020 Q2 Update and the Confidential letter for the Enterprise dated August 12, 2020 as presented by General Manager Ron Olsen and Director of Finance Roger Borton for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**10:33 a.m. Break**

**10:44 a.m. Resume**

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc. Interview-Brent Bennington

Executive Oversight Report:

**Discussion: Executive Director Unit II Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson**

Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley is at the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority meeting today.

IT is researching the GHz.

Second Street home is completed and is ready to be rented. Applicants are being reviewed.

The free home the Tribe received has power, going through final inspection

Processed over 1,500 CARES checks so far.

**Discussion: Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon**

Phase III COVID-19 Re-Opening Plan for the LTBB Government draft is just about finalized and will tentatively start September 1<sup>st</sup> with up to 75% staff to return.

There were six (6) Elk draws.

Doors are up on-line and working.

Air conditioning unit on north wing problems being addressed. Selecting vendor. Hope to be running before end of August.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge the verbal and written Executive Oversight Report as presented by Executive Director Unit II Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson and Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports:**

**Legislative Leader Report**

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to accept Legislative Leader Emily Proctor’s verbal and written re-

port for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Secretary Report**

Documents Delivered to the Executive  
-Tribal Resolution # 072320-01 Appropriation of Funds for Operator’s License Application Fees under Michigan Lawful Internet Gaming Act and Lawful Sports Betting Act-Executive signed 07/23/20.

-Tribal Resolution # 072320-02 Appropriations of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”) in the amount of \$3,519,051.41-Executive signed 07/23/20

-Tribal Resolution # 072320-03 To Authorize the Maamwi Council to Carryover Unused Funds Raised through Fundraising Events or Donations-Executive signed 07/23/20

-Tribal Resolution # 072420-01 Designation of Primary Management Official for Internet Gaming Operations-Executive signed 07/24/20

-Tribal Resolution # 081220-01 Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for purchase and Install of a 25-ton Condenser Replacement to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance-Executive signed 08/17/2020

Vetoes (*a vote of Tribal Council to override a veto shall occur within 90-days of the veto*): none

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: 0724/20 Reason for Phone Poll: to adopt Tribal Resolution: Designation of Primary Management Official for Internet Gaming Operations.

Vote: 6-yes, 3-absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp) Motion carried

08/03/20 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to authorize and direct general counsel James Bransky to file an intervention petition on behalf of LTBB in Case U-20763 before the Michigan Public Service Commission In the matter of the Application for the Authority to Replace and Relocate Segment of Line 5 Crossing the Straits of Mackinac into a Tunnel Beneath the Straits of Mackinac.

Phone Poll Vote: 9-Yes Motion carried  
08/07/20 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to approve COVID-19 Emergency Disaster Relief Payment Program Policy.

Phone Poll Vote: 9-yes Motion carried  
Comments:  
Councilor Fred Kiogima: My vote is YES, a much-needed clarification, all of our citizens need the funds.

08/12/20 Reason for Phone Poll: Motion to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for purchase and Install of a 25-ton Condenser Replacement to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Phone Poll Vote: 7- Yes, 2- Absent (Councilor Melissa Pamp, Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried  
**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to accept Secretary Shananaquet’s verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

Treasurer Report

**Appropriations and Finance Committee**

-Last Meeting: August 11, 2020

(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 082020-01 Authorization and Support of Applications for and Acceptance of COVID-19 Related Funds Received under Tribal Resolution 032420-01 COVID-19 Suspension of Deadlines during June 2020.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 082020-02 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service, BE-MAR Funds for FY 2020.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 082020-02 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service, BE-MAR Funds for FY 2020.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

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Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

amount of \$40,000.00 to fund Capital Expenditures Market Rate Rental Upgrades.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Secretary Julie Shananaquet to recommend to Tribal Council to adopt Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the amount of \$40,000.00 for purchase and Install of a 25-ton Condenser Replacement to come from the General Fund-Fund Balance.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

Motion made by Secretary Julie Shananaquet and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve the following dates and deadlines in accordance with the Tribal Government Budget Formulation and Modification Process Statute, and rescinds any previously approved Budget Calendar dates and Deadlines for the 2021 Annual Budget.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent Motion carried.

September 8, 2020 Approval of the General Fund Budget Allocation to Governmental

Branches

September 29, 2020 Branch / Department 2021 Annual Budget submissions to Office of

Finance and Revenue Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost

Recovery Budgets and Grant/Federal Contract Fund Budgets

October 1, 2020 Determination of any deletions or additions to Governmental Branch

proposed budgets, and Governmental Branches Budget hearing

October 8, 2020 Tribal Council receipt of proposed 2021 Annual Budget, and posting of proposed 2021 Annual Budget made available for Tribal Citizens

October 13, 2020 2021 Annual Budget Public Hearing (1:00pm)

October 22, 2020 Tribal Council approval of 2021 Annual Budget

October 23, 2020 Final 2021 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via ZOOM

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal and written report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee**

-Last Meeting: August 14, 2020.

(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting)

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to amend the Administration site plan to include the NRD Solar Array map dated 07/31/2020.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

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Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

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Motion carried.

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Vote: 2-yes, 0-no, 0-abstain, 1-absent (Treasurer Marcella Reyes)

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor to recommend to Tribal Council to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Committee Member for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 9 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Member Reports:** none

Legislative Office Reports:

**Office of Finance and Revenue**

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

PowerPoint presentation on Hemp TRIM (Tribal Research Initiative for Michigan) Project as presented by Dr James DeDecker, Michigan State University-Extension and Ziibimijwang, Inc. Thurman Bear.

Traditional Tribal Burial Board – no reports.

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc. – no reports.

Senior Financial Analyst:

Investment market oddities

Executive orders Trump signed on social security

Nine proposals received for audits sent to Appropriations and Finance Committee

FY 2021 Budget process is starting all over. Possibility of reevaluating the budget

every 90-days. The budget will need to be monitored very closely

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope’s verbal and written report for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 1 - No (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.), 0 - Abstained, 0 - Absent Motion carried.

**1:02 p.m. Lunch**

**1:31 p.m. Resume**

**Tribal Historic Preservation Officer**

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Melissa Wiatrolik’s written report for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Legislative Services Attorney**

Federal Torts Claims Act, Victories Square.

Community Convention or Tourism Marketing Act.

Donna will be out of the office next week and will be checking her emails for any urgent matters.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick’s verbal and written report for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**General Counsel**

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky’s written report for August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Legislative Office Manager**

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to accept Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount’s verbal and written report as presented on August 20, 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to amend the agenda to include an appointment to Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

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Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to approve CERTIFIED MOTION # 082020-02 Request for Funding from the Indian Health Service, BEMAR Funds for FY 2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the following dates and deadlines in accordance with the Tribal Government Budget Formulation and Modification Process Statute, and rescinds any previously approved Budget Calendar dates and Deadline for the 2021 Annual Budget:

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proval of the General Fund Budget Allocation to Governmental Branches.

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Department 2021 Annual Budget submissions to Treasury

Office, including General Fund Budgets, Cost Recovery Budgets and Grant / Federal Contract Fund Budgets.

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posting of proposed 2021 Annual Budget made available for Tribal Citizens.

-October 13, 2020 2021 Annual Budget Public Hearing (1:00 p.m.)

-October 22, 2020 Tribal Council approval of 2021 Annual Budget

-October 23, 2020 F i n a l  
2021 Annual Budget posted to Tribal Website

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to approve and amend the Administration site plan to include the Natural Resource Department Solar Array map dated 07/31/2020.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to post the LTBB Land Acquisition Due Diligence Policy to the Legislative Calendar in the Odawa Register.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt and approve the Amendment to the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Minimum Internal Control Standards REG-WOS 2011-005 081920-021 as received from the Executive on August 18, 2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Gaming Regulatory Sports Betting Regulations REG-WOS 2011-005 081820-001 submitted by the Executive on 08/18/2020.

Vote: 7 - Yes, 0 - No, 1 - Abstained (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to appoint Mark Shall to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc. for a 3-year term ending August 20, 2023.

Vote: 3 - Yes, 4 - No (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr., Councilor Marty Van De Car, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp) 1 - Abstained

(Treasurer Marcella Reyes), 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to appoint Brent Bennington to the Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc. for a 3-year term ending August 20, 2023.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**Other Items of Business:**

a. Closed Session for Land Parcel #120  
**2:45 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to enter into Closed Session for land.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**3:09 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima to return to Open Session.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

**3:10 p.m. Break**

**3:19 p.m. Resume**

**Public Comment**

**3:19 p.m. Opens**

No public comments

**3:20 p.m. Closes**

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to adopt Tribal Resolution Budget Modification for FY 2020 to Reallocate from the Tribal Chair's General Fund Budget to the Capital Expenditure Fund for Costs Related Solely for the Market-Rate Rental Homes and the Wilderness Cabins Repairs in the Amount of \$40,000.00.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-absent, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes

Motion carried.

**Adjournment:**

**3:23 p.m. Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to adjourn.

Vote: 8 - Yes, 0 - No, 0 - Abstained, 1 - Absent (Secretary Julie Shananaquet) Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting:

**September 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.**

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.

Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

**The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council Regular Meeting September 3, 2020 VIA Zoom**

Call to Order: 9:22 a.m.

Opening Ceremony: Emily Proctor

Closed Session: none

Council Present: Councilor Fred Harrington, Jr., Councilor Fred Kiogima, Councilor Tamara Kiogima, Councilor Melissa Pamp, Councilor Leroy Shomin, Councilor Marty Van De Car, Treasurer Marcella Reyes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor

Absent: none

Legislative Office Staff Present: Legislative Services Attorney Donna L. Budnick, Legislative Office Manager Michele Portman-LaCount, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee, Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, General Counsel James Bransky

Executive Officials and Staff Present: Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon, Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson, Health Information Manager Gary Appold, WOCTEP Student Advisor Michael Mondoskin, Employment and Training Specialist Rachael Koepp, Planning Director Amanda Swiss, Accounting Technician Mary Schneider, Regulatory Director Vince Cook, Language Director Carla Osawamick, Chief financial Officer Carrie Carlson

Judicial Officials and Staff: none

Public: Katie Eberly, Melissa Shomin, Marvin Mulholland, Debra Smithkey-Browne, Donna Searles, Tammy Okuly Shananaquet

Invited Guest: Gaming Authority

Matt Stemkoski, Odawa Casino Resort General Manager Ron Olson, Human Resources Director Andrea Shananaquet, Finance Director Roger Borton

**Motion** made by Councilor Marty Van De Car and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to Adopt the Agenda of September 3, 2020 as amended.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to approve the minutes of August 20, 2020 as corrected.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Executive Oversight Report**

COVID funding update. Need plan to spend money quickly by December 31, 2020.

COVID team sent recommendations to Tribal Chair Office Executive Assistant who is working with the Chief financial Officer.

\$1.1Million COVID funding appropriation resolution will need go to Appropriations and Finance Committee for appropriation.

Line 5 update.

Executive Director Unit II Daugherty Johnson:

Extension and use of COVID Funds

Line 5 update

Phase II Extension

Broadband license

COVID check disbursement

Monthly Executive Townhall meetings,

Chairperson Regina Bentley sends thanks to Executive Staff for job well done during pandemic

Venison distribution for Elders will continue this year

Executive Director Unit I Phil Harmon

Getting budgets ready

Townhalls monthly

Deer season starts this Tuesday

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the verbal Executive Oversight Report as presented by Tribal Chairperson Regina Gasco-Bentley, Unit II Executive Director Daugherty “Duffy” Johnson, and Unit I Executive Director Phil Harmon on September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Tribal Council Officer Reports**

Legislative Leader Report

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Tamara Kiogima

to accept Legislative Leader Proctor's verbal and written report for September 3, 2020. Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent

Motion carried.

Secretary Report

Documents Delivered to the Executive

-Tribal Resolution 082020-01 Budget Modification for FY 2020 from the Tribal Chair's General Fund Budget to the Capital Expenditure Fund for Costs Related Solely for the Market-Rate Rental Homes and the Wilderness Cabins Repairs in the Amount of \$40,000.00—Executive signed 08/21/2020

Vetoes: none

Phone Polls passed by Tribal Council: none

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Secretary Julie Shananaquet's verbal and written report as provided on the agenda for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Treasurer Report**

**Appropriations and Finance Committee:**

-Last Meeting: August 11, 2020

*(Motions made at Appropriations and Finance Committee Meeting were presented at the August 20, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting.)*

-Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

Phone Polls passed by Appropriations and Finance Committee: none

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Marty Van De Car to accept the Appropriations and Finance Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Land and Reservation Committee**

-Last Meeting: August 14, 2020

*(Motions made at Land and Reservation Committee Meeting were presented at the August 20, 2020 Tribal Council Meeting.)*

-Next Meeting: Friday, September 11, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

**Motion** made by Councilor Leroy Shomin and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept the Land and Reservation Committee verbal report as provided on the agenda by Treasurer Reyes, Committee Chair for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Gaming Authority/Odawa Casino Resort – Discussion on Memo dated 08/29/2020 Revision to Statute 2013-010 Fair Employment

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to acknowledge the written and verbal report regarding Memo dated 08/29/2020 as presented by General Manager Ron Olsen and Andrea Shananaquet on September 3, 2020. 8-yes, 1-abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car)

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Tribal Council Member Reports:

Councilor Leroy Shomin - Thank you to Executive for job well done with COVID Funds disbursement.

**Motion** made by Councilor Melissa Pamp and supported by Councilor Fred Kiogima to accept Councilor Leroy Shomin's verbal report as presented on September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Legislative Office Reports:

Office of Finance and Revenue- Senior Financial Analyst

Corporate Charters and/or Board Updates:

Traditional Tribal Burial Board

Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc.

Ziibimijwang, Inc.

Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Corporation

Review Corporate Charter Articles of Incorporation

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Kiogima and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to accept Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 8-yes, 1-No (Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.), 0-abstain, 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to approve the LTBB Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company Corporate Charter as updated and approved on September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer – No Report

**10:35 a.m. Break**

**10:47 a.m. Resume**

Legislative Services Attorney

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to acknowledge receipt of Legislative Services Attorney Donna Budnick's verbal and written report for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

General Counsel

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to accept General Counsel Jim Bransky's verbal report for September 3, 2020.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Legislative Leader Emily Proctor and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to authorize Odawa Online GSP LLC to execute any documents necessary to open bank accounts including any provisions regarding jurisdiction, dispute resolution, and sovereign immunity waivers.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0-absent

Motion carried.

Legislative Office Manager No report.

Tribal Council Action Items:

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt and approve Gaming Regulatory Sports Betting Regulations REG-WOS 2011-005 081820-001.

Vote: 8-yes, 0-no, 1-abstain (Councilor Marty Van De Car), 0-absent

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to authorize and approve for a trainer to provide Ethics and Conflict of Interest training to Legislative Branch Officials and employees to come from the Tribal Council budget up to a \$250.00.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Denise Steffel for Odawa Economic Affairs Holding Company, Inc., and set up an interview.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to acknowledge receipt of the Executive nomination of Tanya Gibbs for Odawa Economic Development Management, Inc., and set up an interview.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Tamara Kiogima and supported by Councilor Melissa Pamp to post the Ethics Committee Policy for Legislative Government to the Legislative Calendar.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to amend the agenda to add Tribal Resolution Firearms Possession.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

**11:45 a.m. Public Comment Opens**

Carla Osawamick-Zoom meeting format restrictive.

**11:47 a.m. Public Comment Closes**

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity and The Right to Exclude and Address Other Matters Required to Obtain and Maintain an Internet Gaming Operator's License from the Michigan Gaming Control Board Under the Michigan Lawful Internet Gaming Act.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Treasurer Marcella Reyes to adopt Tribal Resolution Authorizing Limited Waivers of Sovereign Immunity and The Right to Exclude and Address Other Matters Required to Obtain and Maintain a Sports Betting Operator's License from the Michigan Gaming Control Board Under the Michigan Lawful Sports Betting Act.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes

Motion carried.

**Motion** made by Treasurer Marcella Reyes and supported by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. to adopt Tribal Resolution Possession of Firearms Possession.

Roll Call: Councilor Fred Harrington Jr.-yes, Councilor Fred Kiogima-yes, Councilor Tamara Kiogima-yes, Councilor Melissa Pamp-yes, Councilor Leroy Shomin-yes, Councilor Marty Van De Car-yes, Treasurer Marcella Reyes-yes, Secretary Julie Shananaquet-yes, Legislative Leader Emily Proctor-yes

Motion carried.

**Adjournment**

11:57 a.m. Motion made by Councilor Fred Harrington Jr. and supported by Councilor Leroy Shomin to adjourn.

Vote: 9-yes, 0-no, 0-abstained, 0-absent Motion carried.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom

These Minutes have been read and are approved as corrected/written.  
Julie Shananaquet, Tribal Council Secretary Date

## NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI SWEARS IN NEWLY ELECTED TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

**Editor's note:** The following is a Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) press release.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) issued the oath of office today (August 20, 2020) to re-elected Tribal Council Members Jamie Stuck and Homer A. Mandoka during the regularly scheduled August Tribal Council Business Meeting.

Upon completion of the oaths of office, the NHBP Tribal Council voted to keep the officer appointments the same as before the 2020 election. Jamie Stuck will serve as Chairperson, Dorie Rios as Vice Chairperson, Nancy Smit as Secretary, Dr. Jeff Chivis, Ph.D., as Treasurer, and Homer A. Mandoka as Sergeant-at-Arms.

"The NHBP Tribal Council looks forward to carrying out



the vision, mission and strategic priorities of the NHBP Nation," Stuck said. "As we provide for the next seven generations, we will work diligently toward the preservation of our culture and history. We are grateful to our Tribe's past leaders whose persistence and wisdom allows us to continue to protect our sovereignty and provide for our community."



Stuck, of Scotts, MI, has served on Tribal Council since 2006. Rios, of Battle Creek, MI, has served on Tribal Council since 2010. Smit, of Battle Creek, MI, has served on Tribal Council since 2018. Chivis, of Middleville, MI, has served on Tribal Council since 2017. Mandoka, of Bronson, MI, has served on Tribal Council since 2002.

*Courtesy photos.*



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- Financial assistance for education and employment related costs.

For more information, contact Rachael Koepp at 231-242-1488 or e-mail [rkoep@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov](mailto:rkoep@ltbbodawa-nsn.gov)

LTBB of Odawa Indians is the recipient of this grant under the Department of Labor (DOL). In accordance with the Jobs for Veterans Act, WIOA

Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with Bay Mills Community College:



- ◆ Associate of Arts Early Childhood Education
- ◆ Associate of Arts Business Administration
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Construction Technology
- ◆ Associate of Applied Science Computer Information Systems
- ◆ Medical Office Certificate

### WOCTEP offers Financial Assistance!



- ◆ Tuition Assistance
- ◆ Textbook and required course materials Assistance
- ◆ Mileage Assistance
- ◆ Hourly Stipend (based on household income)
- ◆ Examination/qualification fee Assistance

In addition to WOCTEP Financial assistance, Native WOCTEP students may be eligible for Board of Regents Tuition Award at BMCC.

WOCTEP is funded by the US Department of Education through the NACTEP program. Federal funds contribute to 90% of funding (\$448,744) and tribal support of 10% (\$50,108) for project year 1 (2019) budget.

Starting winter semester, WOCTEP will offer assistance with the following programs through our partnership with North Central Michigan College:



- Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) Certificate of Development
- Medical Billing and Coding Certificate of Development
- Medical Assistant Certificate
- Phlebotomy Certificate of Development
- Computer Information Services (AAS)
- Computer Support Specialist Certificate
- Basic EMS Certificate of Development
- Criminal Justice (AAS)



## LTBB GOVERNMENTAL OFFICE CLOSINGS

Please note that **ALL LTBB Governmental offices are closed on these dates, this includes Mskiki Gumik offices**



November 11, 2020 - Veteran's Day  
November 26, 2020 - Thanksgiving  
November 27, 2020 - Day After Thanksgiving  
December 24, 2020 - Christmas Eve  
December 25, 2020 - Christmas Day  
December 31, 2020 - New Year's Eve

\*Dates subject to change

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- Mail to LTBB Human Resources, 7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Questions? Please contact the Human Resources Department at 231-242-1563.

## "A TRUE CHAMPION OF JUSTICE"

**Editor's note:** The following article appeared on *Indian Country Today* on September 19, 2020 and is reprinted here with permission.

The word of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg's death spread fast across Indian country. Tribal leaders, officers of the law and citizens celebrated her life and expressed fears for the future.

Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez said Ginsburg left behind a great legacy.

"She was a true champion of justice," Nez said. "Her compassion for all people will always be cherished. We are stronger because of her contributions to the Supreme Court and Indian Country."

Bay Mills Indian Community Chairman Bryan Newland tweeted a "magnificent woman has died this evening. Take a moment to honor her life, her humanity, and your own humanity. There's no shortage of politics and cynicism in our nation. There's not enough humanity."

Stacy Leeds, Cherokee, who is Dean Emeritus and a Law Professor at the University of Arkansas, shared, "Justice Ginsburg was incredibly smart and brave. She carried immeasurable stress with such grace. That's why so many Native attorneys held her in very high regard, despite her mixed record in Indian law cases. Her vote to reaffirm Muscogee (Creek) Nation boundaries on the final day of her final term will long be remembered."

Later in the evening, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) also weighed in on the passing of Ginsburg. NCAI President Fawn Sharp said the Supreme Court Justice was a champion for the rights of all people.

"With an unquenched thirst for justice and pure grit, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg fiercely and unapologetically defended, pursued, championed, and prevailed in a lifetime of public service dedicated to the fundamental and timeless principle of equal justice under the law," Sharp said.

Chief Justice John Roberts mourned Ginsburg's passing. "Our Nation has lost a ju-



rist of historic stature. We at the Supreme Court have lost a cherished colleague. Today, we mourn, but with confidence that future generations will remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg as we knew her — a tireless and resolute champion of justice," Roberts said in a statement.

The fight for a replacement on Capitol Hill has already started.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell refused to act on Obama's nomination of Judge Merrick Garland to fill a court opening in 2016. The seat remained vacant until after Trump's surprising presidential victory. McConnell has said he would move to confirm a Trump nominee if there were a vacancy this year.

Reached by phone late Friday, Senator Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, declined to disclose any plans.

He called Ginsburg a "trailblazer" and said, "While I had many differences with her on legal philosophy, I appreciate her service to our nation."

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer tweeted: "The American people should have a voice in the selection of their next Supreme Court Justice. Therefore, this vacancy should not be filled until we have a new president."

Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski, a Republican, tweeted she will not vote to replace Ginsburg until after the election. "Fair is fair," she said.

### Ginsburg's Record on Federal Indian Law

A law review article published by Carole Goldberg, published in 2010 by the Native American Rights Fund, explored Ginsburg's ruling on federal Indi-

an legal issues.

"Given Justice Ginsburg's life experience as an easterner and civil rights lawyer, one would not have expected her to assume that role," she wrote. "Although it is possible to join civil rights law with Indian law through an understanding of group subjugation, the connection is not obvious. Justice Ginsburg's confirmation testimony and early opinions for the Court also suggested little promise of intellectual leadership in the field."

She cited the case, *City of Sherrill*, as evidence that Ginsburg did not "get" Indian law at all, and she was fundamentally unsympathetic to tribal claims. Ginsburg has said she regretted her role in that case, "more than any other case."

However, in more recent cases, Ginsburg was much more aligned with tribal views. She sided with the majority in the *McGirt v Oklahoma* case as well as the *Crow* tribe hunting case, *Herrera v Wyoming*.

Both cases strongly supported the ideas that treaties meant what they said and are the law of the land.

In another recent case, Terry Anderson wrote an op-ed praising Ginsburg and Justice Neil Gorsuch for working together to protect individual rights. "Justice Ginsburg joined Justice Gorsuch and three other liberal colleagues in supporting the individual rights of the Yakama Nation in the Washington State Department of Licensing v. Cougar Den, Inc. taxation case," he wrote in *Indian Country Today*. "Cougar Den is significant because it recognizes the importance of individual freedom for Native Americans. Whether conservative, liberal or libertarian, justice begins with the individual."

At a conference in May, Ginsburg told the *Buffalo Chronicle* the time might be right for a Native American to serve on the court. At the conference in Buffalo, a former clerk of Ginsburg's told the newspaper: "So much justice has been denied to Native American communities because they have not had a seat at the table."

*Courtesy photo.*

*“Flint Settlement” continued from page 1.* has been agreed to by the state parties and the plaintiffs’ legal counsel following more than 18 months of negotiations. Several steps must be taken before money will be disbursed. A summary of the preliminary settlement has been released to the public. Complete details will be made available once the formal settlement is completed, which is expected within about 45 days. That agreement, along with additional documents filed with the court, will provide more details surrounding the settlement and outline the process for claimants going forward. Approval of the settlement agreement must also be given by U.S. District Court Judge Judith Levy, Michigan 1st District Court of Appeals Judge Christopher Murray and Genesee County Circuit Court Judge Joseph Farah.



the water supply. The state hopes some of those entities will join the settlement within the next 45 days.

“Providing relief for the people of Flint and resolving these long-standing legal disputes has been a top priority for me since taking office,” Nessel said. “Flint residents have endured more than most, and to draw out the legal back-and-forth even longer would have achieved nothing but continued hardship. This settlement focuses on the children and the future of Flint, and the State will do all it can to make this a step forward in the healing process for one of Michigan’s most resilient cities. Ultimately, by reaching this agreement, I hope we can begin

the process of closing one of the most difficult chapters in our State’s history and writing a new one that starts with a government that works on behalf of all of its people.”

The preliminary agreement specifies about 80% of the net settlement fund will be spent on claims of children who were minors when first exposed to the Flint River water with a large majority of that amount to be paid for claims of children age six and younger, and earmarking 2% to go to special education services in Genesee County. Another 18% of the net settlement funds are to be spent on claims of adults and for property damage. Roughly 1% will go toward claims for business losses.

If the settlement is approved and funds are distributed to claimants, the state will have contributed more than \$1 billion to aid in the city’s relief and recovery efforts. Past contributions include a settlement agreement whereby \$97 million was made available to replace all of the city’s lead service lines in its water system. To date, the state has spent more than \$409 million in response to the Flint water emergency.

*Courtesy graphic and courtesy photo.*

**EAT WELL BE WELL**

The LTBB Community Health / Mnozhyaadaa Department is EXCITED to announce that our Dietitian is able to meet with patients via Zoom!

Recently, Charla Gordon, MA, RD, CDCES, CHES, completed her Certification for Well Coaches! So, if you need assistance in preparing your pantry, making healthier food choices, or to have someone work with you on making changes to improve your health, then contact Charla!

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- Prescriptions written by LTBB Clinic Providers
- Prescriptions written by providers where you have been referred to by the LTBB Clinic

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## GOVERNOR WHITMER STATEMENT ON \$600 MILLION PRELIMINARY SETTLEMENT FOR FLINT WATER CIVIL LAWSUITS

**Editor’s note:** The following is a press release from the office of Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer dated August 20, 2020.



Last week, the State of Michigan agreed to a \$600 million settlement of the civil lawsuits brought against the State of Michigan by Flint residents after the water supply for the City of Flint was switched to the Flint River on April 25, 2014.

From our first month in office, Attorney General (Dana) Nessel and I made it clear to our teams that even though we inherited this situation, it was our responsibility to achieve the best possible settlement for the children and families of Flint – as soon as we could.

and their access to clean water is a priority for my administration to make sure nothing like this ever happens again.

What happened in Flint should have never happened, and financial compensation with this settlement is just one of the many ways we can continue to show our support for the city of Flint and its families.

This includes:

- Working to help the city complete lead service-line replacement;

- A 2021 state budget that includes millions of dollars for Flint’s ongoing nutrition programs, child health care services, early childhood programs, lead prevention and abatement, school aid, services to seniors and other programs supporting people in Flint who were previously exposed to lead and other contaminants.

- A 2020 budget that included \$120 million to clean up drinking water through investments in water infrastructure;

- Creating the Office of the Clean Water Public Advocate, and the appointment of a clean water public advocate and an environmental justice public advocate; and

- New lead and copper water quality standards that are the

strictest in the nation.

We acknowledge this settlement may not completely provide all that Flint needs, and many will still feel justifiable frustration with a system and structure that at times is not adequate to fully address what has happened to people in Flint during the last six years. We hear and respect those voices and understand that healing Flint will take a long time, but our ongoing efforts and today’s settlement announcement are important steps in helping all of us move forward.

The uncertainty and troubles that the people of Flint have endured is unconscionable.

It is time for the state to do what it can and take this critical step forward, so that we can keep working towards the brighter future that the people of Flint and our entire state deserve.

An agreement has been reached on the terms of a settlement, and now, the parties are working to document all the details. As the legal process moves forward, we will continue working to make sure the people of Flint have the facts about the settlement. Additional information can be found by visiting [flintsettlementfacts.org](http://flintsettlementfacts.org).

*Courtesy photo.*

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We are working towards providing services and information that will keep our infants, women and families in the best of health. There are no income guidelines to determine eligibility. We hope our services will reach all families who will be bringing an Anishinaabe baby into this world. Our program is designed to provide services needed to both parent and newborn up to the age of five years.

Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid is designed to complement, but not replace obstetrical and pediatric medical care.

In addition to providing support and education during pregnancy, there is also a focus on helping women become and stay healthy before and after pregnancy. We affirm the sacred role of women in the community as givers of life and promote understanding of the importance of family well-being and the health of women throughout the lifespan.

For more information on Maajtaag Mnobmaadzid, please call Carol J. Sodman-Morris, Maternal Nurse Educator for Family Spirit, at 231-242-1614.

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For more information, visit [www.corps.vet](http://www.corps.vet)

# A GOOD DAY FOR INDIGENOUS PEOPLE - DECOMMISSION LINE-5, INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY, LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

**Editor's note:** The following is an Anishinaabek Caucus of the Michigan Democratic Party press release dated September 11, 2020.

The Anishinaabek Caucus members wrote two resolutions and brought another to the Michigan Democratic Party Nominating Convention 2020 where 97% of MDP membership voted them into the party platform: *Resolution on the Shutdown and Decommissioning of Line-5; Indigenous People's Day and Resolution Supporting Universal Single-Payer Healthcare*. The caucus thanks Ethyl Rivera, Kathleen McKee and Catherine Manigold. MDP membership also passed *Resolution on Establishment of Special Committee to Draft Indigenous Land Acknowledgment* written by Roger McClary.

"I am pleased that the MDP has welcomed multiple resolutions that affect Michigan's Native populations into the platform. Increasing Native visibility and lifting our voices strengthens our partnership and collective goal of putting words to action," said Julie Dye, Pokagon Band Potawatomi Nation citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus Secretary and Founder.

*Resolution on the Shutdown and Decommissioning of Line-5* corrects the conclusion of the 2016 resolution that addressed Enbridge's Line-5. Although it tallied facts correctly and named the threat to Michigan accurately, it resolved to install a smaller pipeline — a solution that was neither economically nor environmentally sound. The Anishinaabek Caucus correctly cites that the only protective measure is decommissioning. It also cures the oversight of extant tribal treaty rights. The United States Constitution grants treaty rights to the federally recognized tribes in Michigan. On May 20, 2019, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld these through mandated tribal participation — not merely consultation.

"The Michigan Democratic Party recognizes how dangerous Line 5 is and has taken a proactive stance for action before Enbridge destroys the Great Lakes," Andrea Pierce, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus Chair and Founder, said. She added, "Now that the Michigan Democratic Party has made this resolution part of the party platform, Governor Whitmer should fulfill her campaign promise to SHUT DOWN AND DECOMMISSION LINE-5."

*Resolution of Michigan Recognizing the Contributions of its Indigenous People by Designating each Second Monday in October, "Michigan's Indigenous People Day"* aligns the history of people of the Great Lake Basin with official observation of the facts — Europeans were immigrants.

*Resolution on Establishment of Special Committee to Draft Indigenous Land Acknowledge at*



all Michigan Democratic Party Public Meetings instructs the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party to appoint a committee of not less than seven people to write a statement overturning the Doctrine of Discovery in Michigan with acknowledgment that land now identified as Michigan was inhabited by indigenous people; it was neither vacant nor devoid of settlements. There are 12 federally recognized tribes in Michigan, including the Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi tribes, who comprise the Anishinaabe.

Brandi Nehila, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus Treasurer, thanks Roger McClary for introducing and the MDP for passing the land acknowledgment resolution. "It is important to recognize the Anishinaabek as the first people of Michigan." She adds on behalf of the caucus, "Nicely done Democrats!"

*Resolution Supporting Universal Single-Payer Healthcare*, in its declaration for healthcare for all Michiganders resolves the shortcomings of employer-provided healthcare. Necessary measures to protect the populace from the COVID-19 caused many Michiganders to lose their jobs and hence their healthcare coverage at a time when preventative medicine, diagnostic medicine and hospital care was urgently needed by many. The pandemic made this clear to all.

"These resolutions represent our mission to create a better Michigan for all our people," TJ Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians citizen and Anishinaabek Caucus Vice Chair, said. "Further," Stephens continued, "advocating for the well-being of our Native American people protects all Michiganders as well. Preservation of Tribal Treaty Rights prevents catastrophes that would endanger Great Lakes Basin ecosystem, the state's water supply, family farms and the businesses dependent on Michigan's land and water."

Stephens said, "The Anishinaabek Caucus promotes the interests and concerns of the Indigenous people. It unites allies and engages elected Anishinaabek Democrats."

To view the resolutions, please visit [www.odawatrails.com](http://www.odawatrails.com) and click on Anishinaabek Caucus.

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**LTBB Natural Resource Department**  
**Gun Safe Program**

**Drawing to be held on October 28, 2020 at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting.**

**Applications at the Natural Resource Department. Accepting applications until October 10, 2020.**

- \* Must be an LTBB Tribal Citizen
- \* Must have a valid LTBB hunting/fishing license
- \* Preference given to households with children under the age of 21 years
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If you have any questions, contact the LTBB Natural Resource Department  
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**6 MONTHS**

- Copies sounds
- Begins to sit without support
- Likes to play with others, especially parents
- Responds to own name
- Strings vowels together when babbling ("ah," "eh," "oh")
- Uses simple gestures such as shaking head for "no" or waving "bye bye"
- Copies gestures

**12 MONTHS (1 YEAR)**

- Responds to simple spoken requests

**18 MONTHS (1 1/2 YEARS)**

- Says "mama" and "dada"
- Pulls up to stand
- Says several single words
- Knows what ordinary things are for, for example, telephone, brush, spoon
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting
- Walks alone

**2 YEARS**

- Follows simple instructions
- Kicks a ball
- Says sentences with 2 to 4 words
- Gets excited when with other children
- Plays simple pretend, such as feeding a doll
- Points to show others something interesting

**3 YEARS**

- Points to things or pictures when they're named
- Copies adults and friends (like running when other children run)
- Carries on a conversation using 2 to 3 sentences
- Climbs well
- Plays make-believe with dolls, animals and people
- Shows affection for friends without prompting
- Hops and stands on one foot for up to 2 seconds

**4 YEARS**

- Would rather play with other children than alone
- Tells stories
- Draws a person with 2 to 4 body parts
- Plays cooperatively

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# LINE'S FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP



## Four Generations



Pictured from left to right are Lisa Brookins, Christina Dewey and Arlene Naganashe, holding Yara Samiyah Powell. Yara was born on August 20, 2020, weighing six pounds and 15 ounces and measuring 19 inches long. *Courtesy photo.*

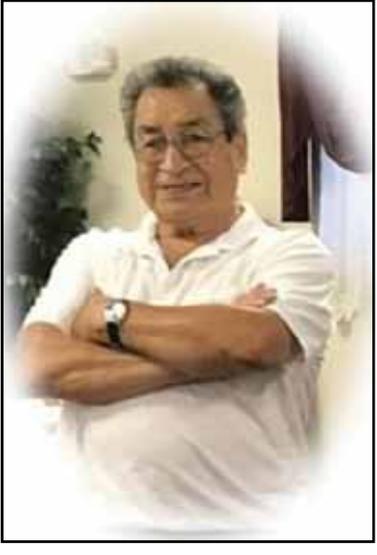
The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Natural Resources Commission is looking for LTBB tribal citizens with an interest in Great Lakes Commercial Gill Net Fishing

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## Walking On...



**Robert Peter Kiogima, 77**

Robert Peter Kiogima of Proctorville, OH, walked on August 21, 2020. He was 77. He was born January 22, 1943 to Augustine and Katherine Kiogima, the sixth of eight children. In 1960, Bob joined the Army, and he gave the Army credit for making him the man he became. He met the love of his life, Betty Jo Craft, in 1969, marrying her on June 13, 1970. He spent almost 30 years as a warehouseman at Standard Products, retiring in 1999. He and his wife then got into woodworking, becoming a known supplier of dulcimer hammers. They would attend shows throughout the summer months.

Later, he became involved in the Sybene Chesapeake Senior Center, making many new friends. He enjoyed socializing with all these new friends, especially those with whom he played Trimini's. Bob was also a proud member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Like all his siblings before him, what he will be remembered for most is his wonderful smile and quick sense of humor that always kept us in laughter. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Betty, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Mary Ann Schofield; brothers, Augustine, Ray, Leon, Duane, Frank and John; mother-in-law, Edith Dyer; grandparents-in-law, Sigle (Poppy) Zimmerman and Hon-tie Zimmerman. Those wishing to remember Bob are asked to make a contribution to the Sybene Chesapeake Senior Center. The family also thanks the staff at St. Mary's Hospital for their kind treatment of both Bob and his wife during this difficult time.

school graduation to live and work in a brand-new place. She met Chester Eagleman, while he was in the Navy, in Los Angeles, CA, during a church social. They married on June 10, 1961 in Denver, CO. They were married for 59 years. Ruth worked her entire life. Her occupations included key-punch operator for a truck-line company, cashier at Daane's and Meijer's grocery stores, and a year-long stint as a school bus driver for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. She was an employee of General Motors in Grand Rapids, MI, and Coopersville, MI, until her retirement. She was a life-long advocate for Indian people and was active in the formation of the Grand Rapids Inter-Tribal Council. Ruth enjoyed playing softball as an adult with her older sister, pitching for teams that her brother coached. She was an avid bowler, bowling for leagues in Michigan, Billings, MT, and in Virginia. Her husband and her youngest daughter enjoyed traveling to and participating in BIA bowling tournaments. She was well-known in the pow wow world as "Ruby," traveling all over the country and parts of Canada with her daughters. She made many friends throughout her travels, and was known for her smile, her laugh and her adventurous spirit. A favorite memory of her family is when she jumped into a women's golden age fancy shawl and jingle dress contest in Jacksonville, FL, in 1994 and placed third. Her daughters brought her out into the arena as a traditional dancer in 2003. Ruth is survived by her oldest son, Chester Eagleman, Jr., Grand Rapids, MI; her daughters, Shelley (Joseph) Eagleman-Bointy, Lawrence, KS; and Sharon Eagleman, Lawrence, KS; her brother, Norman J. Leo; her sister, Rosalee StarChief; five grandchildren, Shelby, Sara, Gordon, Samantha and Joey; and great-grandchildren, Jayden and Ni'vy. Her adoptive daughters are Allison Davenport, Tama, IA, Makyla King, Lawrence, KS, and adoptive son, Elwood Ott, Lawrence, KS. Ruth is survived by a host of special friends, Loretta Antoine, Cedar Rapids, MI; Kaye Dyer, Aurora, CO; Sylvia Chingwa, Denver, CO; Marty Wysocki, Grand Rapids, MI; Patty Sanford, Grand Rapids, MI; and Yvonne Shields, Mesa, AZ.



**Ruth Olive Eagleman, 81**

Ruth Olive Eagleman, 81, was born on January 31, 1939 in Harbor Springs, MI, the daughter of Samson and Cecilia (Nenagos) Leo, and passed away on September 17, 2020. She is a member of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. Her family relocated to Grand Rapids, MI, where she attended St. Alphonsus School and graduated from Catholic Central High School. The strength of her faith is one of her most memorable traits. She was a true Grand Rapids girl, who spoke often of her childhood friends and parochial school experiences. She traveled to California after her high

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